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on it. They had good testimony and the testimony that they heard, we used that to draft LB 987, which does enhance the penalties for individuals who strangle. Usually it's in an intimate relationship they do this. No matter how often they would strangle an individual, and it could be to the point of unconsciousness, and we heard testimony that after...at the point of unconsciousness, it doesn't take much more to break a trachea or a vertebrae and inflict permanent damage. And oftentimes, when they'll...it leaves permanent injuries, but oftentimes, even after repeated strangulations, it's only a misdemeanor assault charge. And so, again, based on the interim study, based on a review of other state statutes and that, it was felt that this is a crime that an enhanced penalty is appropriate. And so that's the result of the bill. I think the bill, I know it was adopted in here. I think it was unanimous. I don't believe there were any opponents at the hearing. I'm not a big fan of increasing penalties just to do it, but I do think in this situation, it is warranted. And, Senator Beutler, if you'd like the remainder of my time, and if you'd want to explore this further, I'd be happy to engage in a discussion with you. If you have any other questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Senator Beutler, if you'd like the remainder of my time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, did you wish to use the remainder of Senator Bourne's time?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bourne, thank you. I think it'd be better, probably more constructive, just to discuss it off the floor with you some. Thanks.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Beutler and Bourne. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Madam President, Senator Thompson, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. She knows I cannot...I have troubling controlling myself after being shown something like she showed of these two pictures. I looked at this svelte young man. Then I looked at his great-grandfather. And I'm supposed to maintain my composure. You know better than that, Senator Thompson. Nevertheless, I shall try. When we package