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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I was going to try to stay out of this. Senator Labedz, I would like to ask you a couple of questions about what you just stated.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Had anything been done to Chad Green's body prior to the performing of the autopsy?

SENATOR LABEDZ: The bone marrow test that I just told you about.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Had there been any embalming fluid or similar substances introduced into his system?

SENATOR LABEDZ: That part I would not know, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If such had been the case, might it have affected the chemical components in his system or made the findings inconclusive?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, I don't think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware of questions about Elvis Presley's autopsy and the indication that perhaps some statements were made on that report which were not true and they were designed to protect a doctor?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I have not been involved in Presley's situation whatsoever so I would not know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I was asking for your knowledge of it. Members of the Legislature, we have before us an issue being discussed by people who are not chemists, who are not pathologists, who are not doctors but are policymakers. In making policy we often deal with issues on which we are not expert but I will tell you one thing and I will say this to those who are strongly opposed to abortion. I am repeating what I told you during those discussions. I don't know at what point a fetus becomes a human being but I certainly can recognize as a human being anything which is outside the womb, walking, talking, crawling, crying or whatever it would do, and in many instances throughout the history of the world, not just this country, children have been made the victims of the superstitions and the backwardness and the experimentation of adults. There is a syndrome in this country and throughout the world known as child abuse. If child abuse occurs in the case of a well-to-do family or one which is prominent or in a situation which might be