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be a little buzzy in here at times. So if you would, please.
Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kruse and his staff have been available to me, and we have had a number of conversations. I have looked at various drafts of this proposal. And I made it clear that I wasn't able to follow everything that is in the bill now. But one element of it that I remain opposed to is the creating of new offenses: Aggravated driving in the first degree, aggravated driving in the second degree. And with the discussions we've had about not putting more people in prison, there are things in this bill which in my opinion allows greater incarceration. I always have to mention that I don't drink, because not everybody pays attention. So nothing that I say is designed to say that I'm in favor of drunk drivers, that I think people who drive drunk should not be punished. So I want that out of the way immediately. This bill is not something that I can truly grasp and understand. I know that it is an attempt, because Senator Kruse has told me that, to find a way to deal with repeated drunk drivers, and to provide appropriate punishments. But I'm unable to support a bill which I, after reading it several times, do not understand. One time I was talking about another matter, and mentioned that because of the neighborhood I grew up in, I was exposed to lead, and lead retards your intellectual growth and capability, and maybe that's why I don't understand this bill. I see Senator Brown messing with me by standing in the aisle, functioning like a bobble-head doll. I don't know if she's agreeing that lead does do what I say, or that there is evidence of that effect being manifested by me. But whatever the reason, I cannot say that I understand this bill. When you're creating new punishments, you ought to...let me not say that generalized "you," or that editorial "you." When I am being asked to vote for a bill that creates new punishments or new offenses, I cannot do that when I don't have a complete understanding. Naturally, I don't like Senator Foley's amendment, because I think it's expanding more and more on that idea that a zygote, which means a fertilized egg, is a human being. And if a person is in an accident with one driving under the influence and has just become impregnated, and there is a miscarriage, then that is a second offense. That was done by