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that true?

SENATOR KRUSE: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then the existing...thank you, Senator Kruse. The existing law is difficult for me to follow then. And the reason I'm mentioning it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is that it is underlined. And Senator Kruse pointed out that some of this language is merely moved from one part of the statute to another part. But in reading the underlined material, I can't make head or tail out of the existing law. And maybe it's because I'm just not having enough time to read it and digest it. Some of the existing law was piecemealed into place, as we're piecemealing now. And some of the punishments are handled differently under Senator Kruse's bill from the way such a punishment would be handled under the existing law, for example, a sentence suspension. And when we do not plug new law into the existing law, and have the existing law carry over, then we've added another finger to the hand which is going to have to be considered separately from the way we consider the existing law. And even though I'm opposed to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...drunk driving, I'm opposed to the law being made more unclear. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Johnson on the Foley amendment.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I'd just, Senator Cudaback, continue my conversation with Senator Foley. In the committee, I sat next to Senator Maxwell this year. And there was a couple that I believe the lady had a miscarriage. I forget what...how far along she was, 15 weeks or something like that. And the miscarriage had occurred in the hospital, and so on. And this couple's religious beliefs were such that they wanted to conduct formal services and a burial and so on of the products of this