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said is this. Before you can go beyond life imprisonment, which is the punishment for murder, if there were other factors that prevent this from being, the simple taking of another human being's life, these aggravating circumstances will establish that. And if they are present, this person is not punished for an ordinary murder; this person is punished more severely. And that is the theory behind the death penalty. In this case, if somebody was bashed in the head with a baseball bat that is obviously an assault. But if you find out that these other factors entered in and that explains a particular degree of savagery or a particularly senseless crime, meaning the perpetrator did not know the individual, there was nothing the individual did to provoke it, the person then who committed that crime is going to be convicted of the underlying assault, and if these other factors are found which makes that person particularly dangerous, a particular threat, then you are going to say this is enhanced and a more severe punishment is imposed...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because those factors have enhanced the nature and severity of the crime. That is the reasoning which brought me to where I am today. Senator Foley and people who are thinking in the Neanderthal stages, where I was, are entitled to the right to try to update their thinking, come to the modern age. But in the meantime, all of humanity does not regress to Neanderthal stages to slowly bring them. We must move forward and try, to the extent we're able, to pull them with us. But we certainly should never retrograde. So I hope you will support the amendment and I hope you will support the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brashear, committee amendments.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the body and Senator Foley, because you engaged me the last time, I'm going to personalize this argument because I, you know, hope springs eternal and I, in our dialogue on the last segment, I heard something that I would like to say to you on the