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SENATOR FOLEY: All right, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue.

SENATOR FOLEY: Mr. President, in 1992, the Journal of the American Medical Association published an article. I'll read the abstract title. It's, "Abuse of Pregnant Women and Adverse Birth Outcome," by a man named Eli Newberger. This is Volume 267, Number 17, pages 2770 (sic) through pages 2772...excuse me, 2372, and it notes that this abstract was originally published in the summer of 1993 issue of Midwifery Today. The article reads: The prevalence of physical abuse of women during pregnancy has been estimated at 8 percent in a random survey, and between 7 and 11 percent in nonrandom samples. Pregnant women's risk of abusive violence was shown to be 60.6 percent greater than that of nonpregnant women in a sample of 6,002 households. This is...this is but one of quite a number of articles that are now available in the literature regarding the incidence of violence against pregnant women which, interesting, the researchers are showing us that the rate of violence against women is actually higher when they're pregnant than when they're not pregnant, which is, at least in my mind, counter-intuitive. I would think that a pregnant woman would be less subject to violence, but that's not how it works, apparently. They're actually more subject to acts of violence and that's a great tragedy. That's just a great tragedy, and I think it's something that we've begun to address in our statutes. We enacted LB 824 in the year 2002. We've made great progress there and we reached a common ground with 40-some senators agreeing that we should have statutes on our books that give protection to the unborn against aggressive acts of third parties. Senator Bourne is correct, he did support that bill and he did work with me on that bill, and I continue to appreciate the efforts that he made, because he was serving on the Judiciary Committee at that time and it was...his support was very helpful. But again, I remind you that statute was enacted in the year 2002 and the hate crimes statute was put on our books in 1997. We couldn't have had protection for the unborn in the hate crimes statutes of 1997 because we hadn't yet done the fetal homicide bill. The concept had been floating