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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...consider what we're doing.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, you may close on FA1440.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment would substitute the word t-o for the word f-o-r. You attach conditions to something; you do not attach conditions for. This language that precedes the preposition that we're discussing would be a condition to obtaining an abortion, not a condition for. Senator Schimek wants me to cite a rule. Senator Schimek, rules of grammar, when you deal with the English language, are of no value whatsoever. For example, the one that most people are familiar with: I before E, except after C, or when sounded like A, as in "neighbor" and "weigh." So if you have E before I, but there is no C in front of it, it should have the long A sound, as in the word "neighbor" or "weigh." Now I've heard people pronounce e-i-t-h-e-r, n-e-i-t-h-e-r as "neether" and "nither," but never as "ather" and "nather." So what happens to the rule? And Senator Schimek isn't even listening now, because she doesn't want to hear me whip her down on this issue. How would you teach somebody to pronounce the combination of letters o-u-g-h? If you put a T in front of it, it's tough. If you put a B in front of it, it's bough. And if you put letters in front and behind it, you can get other sounds. English is the most difficult language to be taught. You can take a word and it can have more than one meaning and more than one pronunciation. If I gave you the word b-o-w, how do you pronounce it? Well, if somebody is a huntsman or "huntswoman," that person would think of a bow. But if somebody is sophisticated, like Senator Schimek, should would think it means bow. It's like that everywhere. A rule in English is generally observed in its violation. We don't need to establish a rule. We can just use our knowledge. The word ought to be t-o, not f-o-r. Some people use a different word when they're talking about a condition, but I won't inject it into the discussion, because it