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our society in terms of domestic violence and the need to be responsive to that offense. And so that would be my first explanation. I would yield time to you to respond or question me further.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, about 2, 45.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have come to fully understand over time, Senator, the political impetus of the moment and that there are movements and waves of things that cause us to do things that perhaps considered over a longer period of time we would not do. You talked of serious bodily harm. Well, that was assault in the first degree. Assault in the second degree doesn't require serious bodily injury and that, even at that, is a Class IV felony. Strangulation, if you're going to argue, if it caused serious bodily injury would be assault in the first degree. If it didn't, it would still be assault in the second degree which is the same offense as you have for strangulation, same level of offense. Do you think somebody is more culpable, Senator, because they grab somebody's throat as opposed to slash them with a knife or did some other horrific intimidation kind of act?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Will you respond, Senator Brashear?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is your time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Not more culpable, Senator Beutler, but I think we're trying to identify a new...I'm not going to say a new phenomenon. We've had domestic violence throughout history, I'm sure, but we are trying to do more about it and be more responsive to it, and so we're...if someone has strangulation, a conviction for strangulation on their record,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...I think it's going to be more specific, more precise. It's going to carry the impairment of reputation that it ought to carry. So I have to tell you, my slip is