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showing. I'm in favor of this bill. It doesn't bother me that we have some repetition or duplication in the law. This isn't the only time we've ever had it and this is an offense that needs to be addressed, I believe, in a current modern way. And this is a modern way of addressing what we know is occurring in these instances and what we have testimony from actual victims on.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But it can be punished just as effectively with the assault statute given the level of penalties and the language in the assault statute. You seem to be saying that we want to give a particular crime a more horrible name because the name of the crime is also the punishment in addition to whatever the...

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...class...the imprisonment or fine might be for it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler, yours is the next light.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And another point that I would offer, Senator Brashear, we may be thinking today of domestic violence, but this law is going to apply in situations that are not domestic violence situations, are they not?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Absolutely. It will apply in any strangulation circumstance, except with regard to where there is...well, it will apply whether we've provided an affirmative defense.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So do you think it makes...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Subsection (4).

SENATOR BEUTLER: Do you think it makes sense to go through and have a dozen different kinds of assault statutes identifying