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to this one. The number was LB 294 and the language regarding "unborn children" were also in that piece of legislation. It was LB 294 and that was the civil side of the wrongful death legislation that Senator Foley brought, and Senator Chambers graciously and wisely voted in favor of that piece of legislation. So maybe they're not so far apart, but I think their philosophical positions are vastly different. But I do believe that we have a public policy in place that has set a stage but does show an error, and I believe that Senator Foley is asking us to correct that. I think that's a responsible move, but again I will recognize that there is a philosophical divide in this body on issues where we try to bring one issue into another, and no matter how hard we try to move away from being tightly held to that, that issue continues to come up, and that is the abortion issue. Senator Foley has outlined that this is a wanted child and that the courts have ruled that in the situation that it's a wanted child, that that is a completely different standard than what we should be going off of. So we've set the policy. The courts have upheld in other states what has been done previously by this body. I believe that this is a responsible step for us to do. Because, regardless of whether our friends in Washington, and we can use that term loosely some days, have passed legislation, that only applies to federal crimes, and so it does give us an opportunity or an obligation, I believe, to also ensure that crimes committed on the state level or within our state have a similar standard. So I think this is also that responsible step forward. I would encourage your support of LB...the committee amendment and of LB 958. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Chambers and others. Senator Stuhr, did you...she waives her opportunity. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 294 was a different kettle of fish and I was being collegial that one time, which I probably ought not to have done, but I did it. I stand guilty as charged. But I would like to ask Senator Erdman a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you yield to a