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human. You have a life form in being that is human. I'm not able to make that distinction that that being is human but it's not a human being. I...we'll just have to disagree on that. I'm going to pass out a column when I'm finished. You've seen it before. Previous copy of it actually was kind of blotchy. I'm passing out a cleaner version and I've highlighted a couple paragraphs in it from the University Med Center's embryology textbook talking about this point that human life is there and under development at the beginning. I don't know that there's that much else to say. I do think this bill is a logical extension of what you already have done in recent years--fetal homicide, wrongful death, and now assault--and so I'll just encourage you to go ahead and take this next step. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to talk a little bit about the conversation that's been going on already this morning and then to talk about, a little bit more, about specific provisions of the bill, and I'm not certain I'll get through all of it, so I turn my light back on. First of all, I don't know that any of us or all of us can agree on when life begins. We each have our own religious beliefs, our own beliefs perhaps that are based on what we learned when we were in school or from what we've read or from what our parents have taught us. I suspect, even though I don't agree with Senator Foley on his interpretation, or Senator Maxwell, I don't necessarily agree with Senator Chambers either. I mean I think we each have our own individual religious or secular beliefs about this question, and I don't know that there are any real definitive answers to when human life actually begins. We know there's scientific evidence that there's life, of course, at conception. There's cells that are formed just like there are cells that are formed in trees or cows or pigs. But the question is not whether there is life at that particular point, I don't believe, and this is just my own personal belief. I think the questions are much more difficult than that, and that they are does...is there humanity in that, in that cell or that joining of cells; does that...does that initial life have consciousness; does that initial life have a soul? Those