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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. But...thank you. Thank you for that explanation. And I was...I was also thinking there was a bill that we passed that had...that gave a person the ability to go to court and bring civil penalties against a person. We did do that.

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes, Senator, you're thinking of LB 294 of last year. That was...that was the...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, that is what I'm thinking of.

SENATOR FOLEY: ...yeah, that was the...and you and I both voted for that bill,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR FOLEY: ...as did every other member present. That bill is...was a civil bill and that was a civil component to the fetal homicide bill. Now there's also a civil component to this bill, but that's not before us today.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR FOLEY: That bill was introduced, went to a public hearing, but it's not part of the committee amendment. It's not here at all today.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. So this bill would apply in a situation, and about the only situation I can think of right off the top of my head is where somebody deliberately punches a pregnant woman in the stomach for the sole purpose of killing that child, or stabs that woman in the stomach for the sole purpose of killing that child? I mean, there's surely other...I mean, I can't even think under what circumstances somebody would do that.

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, Senator Schimek, tragically, pregnant women are the target of an enormous volume of violent crime.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Pregnant women, yes, that's true, but...maybe