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millions of years and we, from that, deduce much information as to the kind of life that is there. And when we come to the unborn child, we are looking at a being that we cannot see with our eyes unless we use a medium of an ultrasound or something like that in order to pierce through that tissue and see the beam within. But from the information that we have, we can in fact, by science, deduce a great deal about that being. We know that in fact, at the age of 20 weeks, there are nerves. We know there are skin receptors. We know there's a functional brain stem, and from that we could deduce that in fact they can feel pain, just the same way that we may deduce something about a dinosaur or some other evidence that has lain in the ground for millions of years. We can deduce about that life what this creature can feel, what this creature is capable of doing. We in this state have strong and stringent laws, which I have supported, on the abuse of animals. It's not a matter of whether we agree whether they have a soul or they don't. It's about using the power of the state to protect the defenseless. And I believe that the unborn child is perhaps one of the most defenseless in our society. Because of decisions of the Supreme Court, we have not exactly given them the protection that they deserve. But I can tell you that the unborn is not quiet or silent. When a mother carries a child in her womb and she moves or she turns, they'll poke and they'll kick and they'll say, hey, I'm not comfortable; hey, there's not enough room, give me a little more space. They feel, and they know. And when an assault occurs they will feel and they will know, and I believe it is the duty of the state to protect them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Chambers amendment, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I...Mr. President, I would like to continue a little bit of the dialogue with Senator Chambers, even though...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd be delighted.