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do, and I think it is falling under its own weight, but this bill doesn't take us there the way that it's constructed. Because this bill clearly and deliberately excludes the mother from any prospect of being prosecuted for her difficulties. And if she has that kind of a dependency, we need to step up and help her, and that's what I want to do. I don't want to put her behind bars because she has that dependency.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But let me...let me further explore the idea, though. First of all, a portion of your bill does have to do with recklessness. That is, it doesn't have to be an intentional act. It can be a reckless act...

SENATOR FOLEY: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and any person other than the mother would be held accountable for that reckless act.

SENATOR FOLEY: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It is well-known that during certain things during a pregnancy to excess is a reckless act as far as the unborn child is concerned, correct?

SENATOR FOLEY: That is true.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But notwithstanding that, you still think there's a distinction there.

SENATOR FOLEY: Right. The purpose of this bill, again, is to allow prosecutors to pursue cases against third parties for committing acts of violence or reckless acts with a dangerous instrument against pregnant women and their children. It's not the purpose...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the...

SENATOR FOLEY: ...under any stretch to enable a prosecutor to go after the pregnant mother herself.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The...there are...there are two types of