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SENATOR MOSSEY:      Because proving sex, a sexual relationship, takes a lot more work than proving the affectional relationship of a couple.

SENATOR FOLEY:      Okay. And so would you agree that there is some ambiguity with the word affectional relationship, affectional involvement?

SENATOR MOSSEY:      When it comes to domestic violence and couples, there is no separation between the two, because it outlines under the definitions section of what an intimate partner is, a spouse, a former spouse, two people that have had a child together, two people that have lived together. It goes all the way through, to give plenty for a prosecutor to prosecute under this case. There's...that's why the bill was written several times, and three county attorneys were involved in the language of this bill.

SENATOR FOLEY:      Right. Right. Okay. Now, in that particular hypothetical, I was contemplating a situation where the father and son were actually living in the same home, sharing expenses and so forth. But let's take another example. Let's say that there are two men who do not live together, but they do have a dating relationship, as you've described it in the bill. Would that type of relationship be recognized for domestic assault purposes?

SENATOR MOSSEY:      Yes. In the eyes of the law, homosexuality isn't discriminated against under any crime.

SENATOR FOLEY:      So this bill does give recognition to that type of a relationship.

SENATOR MOSSEY:      If two people are homosexual and they got in a fight,...

SENATOR FOLEY:      And they were in a dating relationship.

SENATOR MOSSEY:      Yeah. I've arrested people, six, seven years ago, homosexuals, for domestic violence. That's never changed, nor will it ever. The law cannot discriminate.