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that are reserved for citizens, anybody born or naturalized in this country, and there are others of a more fundamental, basic nature that apply to all persons.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All persons. Life, liberty, and they add, the pursuit of happiness. And no person shall be deprived of certain rights without due process of law. By using the word "person," it means the individual does not have to be a citizen. The person need not have been born or naturalized in this country, but by virtue of being a human being there are certain rights accorded to that individual, whether they're mentioned in the Constitution or not. They attach to the very concept of being a human being. Some people use the term "human dignity." And those are some of the things I'm going to talk about. And when we talk about protecting fetuses, I'm going to find out why we don't talk about starving children, homeless children, sick children.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may now...any further discussion? You're recognized to close, Senator Chambers, on FA328.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And Mr. President, this bill is perfect for my purposes. It's so broad in its sweep, based on what Senator Burling just said in answer to my question, that any and everything can be examined. So I want to put some things in the record, in case this becomes law, to let those commissioners know some of the types of things I believe they ought to be examining. Now, if term limits are not overturned, all people have to do is wait me out. Three years and I'm out of here. You won't have to hear uttered on this floor the kind of things that I talk about. The groups that I feel are kept below the level of decent treatment, you won't have to worry about them being discussed anymore. You won't have to worry about people being discriminated against because of sexual orientation having somebody who will go their bond on the floor