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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider the vote taken.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I probably deserve those "no" votes, because I did not take the time to tell you what this amendment does. And since, on this bill, as on others, I want to compile a record, I want to get this into the record. My amendment says, on page 2, in line 9, strike "Homo" and insert "Hetero." I'm going to read line 9, but I will read line 8 first, so that it's a complete statement: For purposes of the Assault of an Unborn Child Act, unborn child means an individual of the species Homo sapiens at any stage of development in utero. My amendment would strike the word "Homo" and insert "Hetero." Then it would read in the following manner. And this is yielding to Senator Foley and his penchant to be against anything homo when it comes to giving rights. "For purposes of the Assault of an Unborn Child Act, unborn child means an individual member of the species Hetero sapiens at any stage of development in utero." Why should we not say "Hetero sapiens"? I'm going to see if we have a scientist in here. I'd like to ask Senator Pahls a question.

SENATOR PAHLS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pahls, I'm going to ask you this question, because with your beard you're very appealing. And I hope with your answer you won't be appalling. (Laughter) Why should we say "Homo sapiens" rather than "Hetero sapiens" when so many in the Legislature here are opposed to granting rights to homosexual people?

SENATOR PAHLS: I don't know if I know the answer to that, but I'm willing to learn from you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you willing then, without me going into a long dissertation, to use "Hetero sapiens" instead of "Homo sapiens"?

SENATOR PAHLS: I'm under your advisement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Do you believe that every member of