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bill before I go further: "For purposes of the Assault of an Unborn Child Act, unborn child means an individual member of the species *Homo sapiens* at any stage of development in utero." So that part of the definition about any stage of development would be settled, would you agree, with the fertilized egg? Because it is a stage, a part of the stage, of development.

SENATOR LANDIS: On quick reflection the answer seems to be yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When we get down now into the criminal sections, in line 11, immediately below that definition, is the following: "A person commits the offense of assault of an unborn child in the first degree if he or she intentionally or knowingly causes serious bodily injury to an unborn child." Do you believe that a fertilized egg has a body?

SENATOR LANDIS: I think there is a physical presence.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it...

SENATOR LANDIS: When we use the word "body," our common sense certainly conjures a different image and I don't know that a scientist would use the word "body" to describe a fertilized egg.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here's the definition of "serious bodily injury" from the statute 28-109, sub (20): Serious bodily injury shall mean bodily injury which involves a substantial risk of serious permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any part or organ of the body. Let's take the last part first. Do you feel that a fertilized egg has organs?

SENATOR LANDIS: No, I don't think that in the process of development that a fertilized egg, in an early period of that...you know, just after fertilization has specialized organs. It takes a while for those to develop.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I'm going to read what my amendment would offer. It would say, without going through all the things Senator Foley and I went through: "The provisions of this act