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either with the presumed or actual consent of the woman. Those sections and that language disturbs me. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Further discussion on the motion to reconsider? Senator Friend.

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the SENATOR FRIEND: I'm going to deviate a little bit from the...from Legislature. the current dissecting, I guess, of this bill, and I wanted to raise a couple points. I was thinking about this last night and looking ... doing a little research, very little research, cursory would call it, and in regard to some of the things that occurred to me last night before I undertook the effort. One of the things that I...that I've always found fascinating, since the George Bush/John Kerrey election, was that there's a division. There's a division in this country. There's a blue and there's a red division. And what I found intriguing when I started looking at this last night, and how... I don't know how the whole thing got tied together in my mind but it did, because I thought, you know what, there's probably a division in regard to a situation like this, or in an area like this. And what I found was that the hayseeds and the hicks and the, oh, the backwoods states, you know, name them, the ones you think that are the backwoods states, the ones that ... the ones that we really have problems with bringing them into the twentieth century, the dichotomy is not there in regard to this issue. Let me quickly explain. Twenty-seven states treat the killing of an unborn child as a form of homicide, twenty-seven states. Now the thing is I don't always buy ... and there are folks that have talked out here about the ... just because these other states are doing it doesn't mean we have to. Absolutely not! course, I agree with that. But for the sake of this discussion, in my cursory investigation last night, I found this very Twenty-seven states treat the killing of an unborn intriguing. child as a form of homicide. Interesting, 12 states define by statute the killing of an unborn child as a form of homicide regardless of the stage of pregnancy. And Arizona, I think, that some during the election and the campaign craziness that was occurring a couple years back, was Arizona treats it as a manslaughter. Two thousand and one there was a bill signed into law. Illinois, a flaming blue state, to the best of my