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recollection, murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, reckless homicide, they deal with the stuff ad nauseam. One state actually defines, by statute, the killing of an unborn child after the embryonic stage is a form of homicide. Guess what state that is, folks. Mississippi maybe? Shall we just say it? Shall we name the backwoods states or the ones that we think are backwoods states? Mississippi, Alabama, Nebraska, Iowa, you name it. No, no, no, this one was California. California penal code 187, 2001, murder, postembryonic stage, seven to eight weeks gestation. Oh, we'd except that from Arkansas, but please, folks, California? Are we out of our minds? Where is the red and the blue division? I don't see it. Now I'm not saying that anybody out here brought that up in regard to this particular argument, but I've heard it. We've all heard it. Anybody standing out here, sitting out here, roaming through NBC, ABC and CBS has heard it. I'm not hearing it in regard to this issue. I'm not seeing it now in regard to this issue, I should say.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: Ten states define by statutes nonfatal attacks on an unborn child as a criminal...as criminal offenses, ten states. Hmm, Illinois, there they are again. That's that flaming blue state I talked about. Louisiana, of course they're in there. Michigan, hmm, I don't remember what color they were. No, I do remember. They were blue. Minnesota, I lived there. I know how blue they are. I loved it. I love Minnesota, by the way. Well, Mississippi, of course they're in, or North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania. I think you get the gist. Am I adding anything to this argument? I don't really know, but the point is please, in regard to this discussion, please let's take the idea of reasonableness, legitimacy, whether this is good public policy in my view,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Time, Senator.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...let's kind of take that off the table. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. On with