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statute and we're hearing it a little bit again this year, about why not just establish some point in the pregnancy--10 weeks, 20 weeks, 30 weeks, pick your number--why not just establish some point in the pregnancy when the provisions of this law might kick in? Why are you, Senator Foley, trying to cover all nine months of pregnancy? Well, there's a number of reasons for that, but one of the reasons is I don't want to put another burden on the prosecutor. I don't want them to have to prove...if we had a 20-week threshold, for example, I don't want to put him in the place of having to prove that the pregnancy really was 20 weeks when the injury was incurred. Prosecutors have a tough enough time as it is. I think that the...we just recognize that prosecutors have discretion. There's some cases they won't take because they like to win too. And if the facts and circumstances of a given case are weaker than what they'd like to see, they simply won't take the case to court. But the kinds of cases that we've seen since passage of the fetal homicide case...fetal homicide law four years ago are precisely the kind of cases that we said would go to court and would succeed.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FOLEY: And we heard a lot of horror stories and inflammatory rhetoric four years ago about how it was excessive language and would never work, wouldn't stand up in court, all that kind of thing, and that's just been proven wrong. Fetal homicide statute works. This is modeled after that statute. You also raise questions about the actions of the mother herself, and that is a fascinating question. Senator Beutler actually offered an amendment. I don't know if we're going to get to it or when we'll get to it, but at some point before we take some votes on this bill I hope the body will have a really good discussion about what about the actions of the mother herself, because that is a very, very difficult public policy question. I'm hearing from doctors, I'm hearing from prosecutors, I hear from a lot of people about cases that you and I all know about, of cases of women who are abusing alcohol, abusing drugs and so...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.