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between me and them, I don't skulk around here when they get angry or get off in their little knots and talk about how upset they are with me. I've dealt with far worse than anything any of them can bring to me. And that, that's brought to me, is brought to me to my face, where people talk about what they're going to do to me. And you see I don't have any lumps on my head. You see I don't have any bruises around my eyes, I don't have any scars and scrapes. I'm not coming in here limping because somebody kicked my rear end. But maybe other people can't say the same thing when they make the mistake of confusing trying to be courteous for being weak, for trying to avoid physical confrontations with being afraid. I'm like the old gunfighter who doesn't want to shoot anybody, who doesn't want to have a standoff to see who draws a gun the fastest. But just like that old man who's not going to let anybody shoot him, I'm not going to let anybody hurt me without me getting in my licks, too. And as for those who are getting so upset they might be suggesting that they want to handle this someplace else in a different way, I welcome it. I'm inviting that. I'm not running anywhere. I'm not hiding. I'm here, and I don't hide. Now, what this amendment would do, for the record, on page 2, in lines 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, and on page 3, in line 11, strike the words "an unborn child" and insert the two words "a fetus." Whenever this bill is described in the newspaper, they call it the fetal assault bill, calling it what it is. When Senator Foley was reading to you all from his textbook, he did not read anyplace where they called a fetus an unborn child. In fact, he may have read someplace in his presentation the word "fetus." Why is it so difficult to apply the scientific term to a stage of development in the process of moving from a fertilized egg to a full-fledged human being? Because they want to create personhood for a fetus...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...separate from the woman, so that the woman can be discarded and the fetus can be rescued and brainwashed. We ought to put in this bill what it is we're talking about. We're not talking about a child; we're talking about a fetus. That's what the scientists call it in their writings. When people become emotional, when they become religious in the