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of ink, in order to go along with that, you engage in what they call in the literary world a voluntary suspension of disbelief. You are not going to hold this story, this presentation, to principles that obtain in the real world. Sometimes the only way a story can be written is to put things in it which never could happen in this world. Fiction serves the purpose of bringing together ideas, concepts, principles, within the framework of a story, so that a point can be made, or no point other than entertainment and enjoyment. But the aim is to engage the mind, the emotions. The purpose of a textbook in embryology is not to engage the emotions. That's why they don't talk about "unborn child." That's why they don't say, Michael Foley was a full-fledged human being as a zygote, even though he erroneously thinks that. This definition that I offered fits what this bill purports to do. But the bill is not being read or analyzed by my colleagues. Since I have been critical of people not reading and analyzing bills, I'm going to have to read, analyze, and discuss bills on the floor, so that I do not articulate a principle which I myself do not intend to adhere to. Tomorrow I'm going to go into some discussion of Don Stenberg and the "Repelicans," to show how simpleminded they are. They sign all kind of pledges and agreements before they can run for office. One of the things that "Stinkberg" made these other two guys agree to, this Kramer and this Ricketts fellow, was that they would not engage in personal attacks, no negativity. Then, because they will not roll over like kids on the playground to a bully, he became very personal and disparaging. He referred to them as: my unknown, inexperienced opponents, who need these debates more than I do. He violated the first principle he already got them to accept. That's "Repelicanism" in action, but I'm going to discuss it in more detail tomorrow. I have enough to keep this bill before us until we adjourn and "Lieutenant Hungry" and "Captain Lunch-hunter" can link arms and go feed at some trough being provided for them, a junior Abramoff. My intent is not only to stop this bill, but to demonstrate my determination to hold on tenaciously to the principle that I will do all I can to defeat unwise, unreasonable, simpleminded legislation. This is simpleminded. They try to cloak it in this notion of respect for human life, respect for the woman. No, it is disrespecting the woman. They want to say that a pregnant woman is a mother.