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was such a clear and demonstrable result of the action. In this bill, the result is less clear and obvious. The bill ignores the vagaries of pregnancy. A large percentage of pregnancies of unassaulted women result in birth defects. According to the March of Dimes, 1 in 28 births is a child born with birth defects, and we don't have any way of knowing whether there was some intervening action that resulted in these birth defects. I wanted to believe that the protection of mothers and children was the intent of this bill, and if I believed that the goal was to serve as a deterrent to the abuse of pregnant women, I would embrace it. But it seems to me, in some of the discussion that I've listened to, that the concern about the relationship of this bill to previous legislation establishing in statute the definition of an unborn child and according rights to an unborn child is more important than concern with the consistency with what we define as assault of any person. The definition of an unborn child at any stage of development, the unannounced yet intended consequence, I believe, of this bill, could be the criminalization of forms of birth control. Some forms of birth control interfere with the implantation of fertilized cells. And I will make the...I will use the term "cells" at this point. And so in that regard, if we are talking about an unborn child at any stage of development, the action of anyone in providing birth control to this woman would be...could be criminalized. And the language that we put in statute, and what it means for the activities that we may consider acceptable, normal activities, and what we may be doing to present an opportunity for somebody's actions to be criminalized, I think is very, very concerning. And so it is the unannounced but I believe intended consequences of the language of this bill that causes me reserve. As I have said before, if I believed that what we were doing was only to make it a deterrent to the abuse of pregnant women, I don't believe that anybody could possibly argue with it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR PRESIDING

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Foley, speaking to the motion, please.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Let me address