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to stern. It will not try to achieve completely different social ends. I will try to find the place, the cusp, between what I believe and what Senator Foley believes, to find if there is a place where there is common ground. What I find problematical in LB 57 is that there is no recognition of the interests, rights, or crime that has been done to a woman that would happen if you were to get to the setting in which this bill then would take place.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: And what I don't want to have is a sublimation of her interests to these interests. I want to recognize that in fact they are aligned. They are parallel. A woman carrying a pregnancy to term would be devastated by this fact. She would be, and her husband, and her family would be brought to their knees by the kind of social harm that would exist were there an assault on an unborn child, fetus. And towards that end, I will use the Select File thing to offer amendment which is not...which will be as least intrusive as I can make it and yet recognize a principle that is not now recognized in LB 57, for what I think are essentially political and legal purposes to get to a day in which the woman's interest is sublimated, not recognized, not honored, but sublimated to the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...interests in LB 57. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. On with discussion, motion to reconsider. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a quick thought to pass back to Senator Landis. And, Senator Landis, I appreciate your...the tone of your comments and the constructive nature of your remarks. You've been helpful in that regard throughout the past six hours on this bill. Let's all remember, we have assault statutes on our books today. They've been there for decades, probably 100 years or more. Those assault statutes protect each and every one of us, including pregnant women. There's absolutely nothing here that diminishes in any way the