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SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. There was a time in my life when I paid a great deal of attention to the National Football League. I don't do that as much these days. I'm busy with family and so forth. But many of you probably do watch NFL games quite frequently. You'll know the name Rae Carruth. Rae Carruth was a very, very talented football player. In fact, he signed a \$3.7 million contract with the Carolina Panthers. He was their first-round draft pick a few years ago. Rae Carruth impregnated his girlfriend, Cherica Adams, and became indignant when Cherica refused his advice to have an abortion. She wanted her child. She was thrilled to be pregnant. The Washington Post reported that she used to play classical music to soothe her unborn child. She named her unborn child. She would take special nutritional supplements and so forth to assist her unborn child, and this enraged Rae Carruth. Rae Carruth arranged for the assassination of Cherica Adams, and he succeeded in killing her. But he did not succeed in killing the unborn child. Chancellor Adams is alive today; he's six years old. He has cerebral palsy, and he'll suffer with that disease for the rest of his life, because he was oxygen deprived when his mother was assassinated. The bill before you is properly drafted. It's good text, it's good language, you can rely on it. It's been scrutinized by two Judiciary Committees under two different Chairmen. They don't put slop out on the floor. This is good language. If I were to step outside this building and kick the first stray dog that crossed my path and broke the dog's leg, under statutes that I voted for, Senator Chambers, I could be criminally prosecuted for the injuries sustained by the dog. But if I walked further on down the sidewalk and kicked a pregnant lady and inflicted permanent brain damage on her child, I could never be prosecuted for what I did to that child. That's the problem with the law today. That's what LB 57 addresses. We've been through eight hours now on this bill. It's time to move forward and take some votes. I'm going to ask you to vote yes on cloture, I'm going to ask you to vote no on the pending amendment, and I'll ask you to vote yes to advance the bill to Select File. When considering those votes, I ask you to be fair. It's not fair to subject a bill to hours and hours and hours of hate speech, bigotry, and frivolous amendments. We need to rise above that and be fair to each other. We've got a difficult session ahead of us.