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this is consistent with what the Legislature has been doing. Senator Kremer had said he wouldn't oppose the amendment when I asked him earlier, and I'm going to see what the discussion might be. Senator Kremer pointed out to us, and I accept what he said, that we're talking about fertilized eggs and the development that will lead to a full-fledged chicken. But I'm not going to say that hatching eggs means an unborn chicken. I will be consistent. What the Legislature has been saying is that, in effect, a fertilized human egg is an unborn child, so a chick is a young version of a chicken, and I haven't heard of chickens between the time of birth and adulthood referred to as toddler chickens, adolescent chickens or any of those other terms that are used to designate various age levels, psychological levels of human beings. My amendment is simple. It's easily understood. I have explained it in a straightforward manner and there is nothing in my amendment which goes contrary to positions the Legislature has taken repeatedly over my objection. So at last you have brought me into the corral and this amendment is before you for your consideration and ultimate adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the Chambers amendment, FA449, to LB 856. Open for discussion. Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would have one question for Senator Chambers, if he would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Gladly.

SENATOR COMBS: I was just wondering, in the colloquial sense of your amendment, would "unborn chick" indicate only female chickens or would that include males?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Combs, I'm not aware that the term "chick," when we're talking about our friends in the bird kingdom, is based on the gender of the little critter. So I think the word "chick," in the context we're discussing it,