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FLOOR DEBATE

March 8, 2006 LB 57, 542A

All opposed, nay. The ayes have it. LB 542A is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 57.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 57. Senator Flood, Enrollment and Review amendments, first of all. (AM7138, Legislative Journal page 411.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, please.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 57.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion by Senator Flood to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 57. All in favor say aye. And opposed, nay. The ayes have it. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill, Senator Chambers, FA204. (Legislative Journal page 1316, First Session, 2005.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA204.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is one of the most preposterous bills that has come before us. Some people have characterized it as a pro-life bill. The lobby is not filled with people clamoring for this bill. Even if it were, I'm still opposed to it. People who don't know what this bill says have sent me pictures of fetuses, and will say, how can you say there is no body when this fetus has arms, legs, feet, and so forth? I don't even write back and tell them that the bill is dealing with an item that is not visible to the naked eye. The people who support this bill outside this Chamber have no idea how preposterous and ridiculous it is, so they are sending me materials based on what they think the bill should be about if such a bill is to be enacted. Senator Foley and others like to use the term "unborn child" rather than "zygote," "embryo," or "fetus." And all of their efforts are designed to give the fetus, embryo, more status than that of the woman who is pregnant with the embryo or fetus. My point of reference always is the woman, and I do not