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troubling to me, but I will listen to his explanation, and I will oppose it. You know, it's so easy for us to punish women, and pregnant women at that, when we won't say that if a man is fertile and he takes drugs or does anything that might affect him in what he might pass on to a woman during the sex act, and call that a crime. That's not on the books in Nebraska. But how many states have you seen men stand up and want to impose additional punishments, sanctions, and problems on women who might already, by virtue of being pregnant under the circumstances that occurred, suffering through each and every day of her life. And these self-righteous, pompous, pontificating, hypocritical men are going to arrogate to themselves the right, because they have the numbers in legislatures, to put the lumber to these women. And maybe they'll get it done here. But I won't silently go along and let it happen. There is no group whose support I have been so interested in courting or pandering to that I go against what my beliefs are. I don't see all of this fervor when we're talking about full-blown children in this world. I don't see that. You have people talking about changing Medicaid so that those children cannot have proper medical care. You're going to give people a certain amount of money and say, use that and pay for all of the medical problems that you or your children may have. Oh, they'll run to that on the floor of this Legislature. But talk about an embryo or a fetus or a zygote, and they're up in arms. Their...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...righteous indignation comes to the fore. This amendment says simply that no textbook can use any term to describe any stage of development from the point of conception to birth of that which is within a woman in utero other than by the term "unborn child." I'm giving Senator Foley what he has wanted, what all of those of his ilk has wanted...have wanted. Let's see how they deal with it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA204 by Senator Chambers to LB 57. Open for discussion. Senator Foley, followed by Senator Smith and others.