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that I'm not sure this bill does a lot. And I have a news article that was in my file. It's from February of this year, February 4. It was in the Lincoln Journal Star. And it talked about the Omaha man who's being the first to be sentenced under the state's new fetal homicide law. We passed that law back in 2002, and this is...I'm not sure exactly when it went into effect, probably later that year, but only one person has actually been sentenced in all that time. I think it's going to be even more difficult when you talk about fetal assault. So I'm just going to pose this as a thought. Wouldn't it be better to protect that woman, who I think is somewhat vulnerable when she's pregnant, more vulnerable than at any other time in her life, wouldn't it be better to enhance the penalties for assaulting a pregnant woman in the first place? Then you're sure that you can get some kind of sentence, some kind of a penalty imposed. What I hear you saying, Senator Foley, and I think what I heard Senator Johnson asking, and what I'm asking, how can you prosecute anybody for something that's not even visible yet,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that isn't developed yet? How can you prosecute anybody for injuring something at that stage of development? I think it would be far, far better to be able to enact a stiffer penalty on anyone who assaults a woman when she's pregnant. It would be far, far...it would be a far, far better thing to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion? Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I definitely support the bill. As you know, as you all know, I am very pro-life. I believe life begins at conception. But I don't think this has any...this isn't an abortion bill. I do truly believe this. This is assault on a pregnant woman. I...we have five of our own children, and I know my wife always felt she had a living being within her, and I certainly would have been upset, I know she would have been terrible upset, and I think we would have done everything we could to file charges against