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100 percent of the prosecutions would be under this amendment. So why would we pass into law something to protect the unborn child which didn't address the area of where the unborn child needed the greatest protection? Why would (laugh) we do that? Why would we intentionally ignore our major problem area? To me, it makes no sense at all. Senator Foley argues that we should treat the unborn child the same as the born child, and if the mother of a born child caused that child serious bodily harm, recklessly or intentionally, they would be subject to an assault charge, and I don't think there's anybody...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in this society that would say they shouldn't be subject to an assault charge. So if the mother of a born child, we see them with the responsibility under the law, then why wouldn't we treat this situation the same? Why does a mother get off the hook simply because the child is not yet born? Finally, think about the inequality of the law. You know, equality before the law is what we argue for, and yet, if a man gives a woman a controlled substance and it harms the child, he's subject to felony offense under this provision. If the woman voluntarily takes the same illegal drugs and does the same serious harm to the child, no penalty, no violation of the law. So I'm not going to spend a lot of time arguing this, but I'm going to let the amendment run to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to the vote, because this makes...entirely makes sense. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You heard the opening on AM1377. (Visitors and doctor of the day introduced.) On with discussion of the Beutler amendment. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Foley and others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I heard Senator Beutler's exposition. I have a lot of respect for Senator Beutler. Generally, he speaks with the cool, clear mind of one who loves wisdom and truth, but this time he demonstrates