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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So if you're in favor of...are you in favor of...you're not against this because it's an artificial process, are you, or are you?

SENATOR SMITH: I think artificial, that term often is overused. I mean we, as human beings, what we do is natural.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right, I mean we extend life in a thousand different ways artificially, right?

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: You could say that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But we don't object to that because we're extending life.

SENATOR SMITH: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just because this is artificial, why are we against creating life, especially if there's no other way to do it in a family, for example?

SENATOR SMITH: "It" meaning...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Cloning.

SENATOR SMITH: Reproductive?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Reproductive cloning. Reproductive cloning is the artificial creation of life, right, where there was no life, and in a family context, societal family context, in a situation where there may never be life without it created.

SENATOR SMITH: There's certainly that potential. I do ask a question, how someone could be against reproductive cloning but still support therapeutic, because it's part of that (inaudible).

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I want to know why you're against