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SENATOR CHAMBERS: In that case, and I'm not trying to be tricky, we're talking in biological terms, must life then begin prior to conception?

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm not sure I understand what you're saying, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Conception occurs when the egg and the sperm unite.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there must be a living sperm and a living egg prior to the uniting of the two.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, but a human life begins when the two unite.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the sperm come from a human being?

SENATOR DIERKS: Absolutely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the egg come from a human being?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does anything which is living that comes from a human being partake of human life? Would the sperm partake of human life? I'm going to give the example that those who say they are pro-life will give. I've never heard you say this. Would you call the embryo of a human being a potential cow?

SENATOR DIERKS: No.