

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. And I know you wouldn't. Would you call the sperm of a human being the sperm of some other animal?

SENATOR DIERKS: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's a human, it's of human life.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So must not this life then occur prior to conception?

SENATOR DIERKS: There is life in the sperm but the human life does not begin until the sperm and the egg unite.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What kind of life is it that resides in the sperm if not human?

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm not sure what kind of life you want me to say, Senator, but when I'm talking about human life, I'm talking about the unification of the sperm and the egg.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so now you're becoming more precise but there is a type of human life, living tissue, living substance that is essential to the production of a human being which exists prior to conception.

SENATOR DIERKS: You can take a scraping from inside your mouth and have a cell that has human life, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can that scraping which constitutes a living cell from inside my mouth unite with a sperm if it's from a female and produce a human being ultimately?

SENATOR DIERKS: Not at this point.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But a sperm uniting with an egg would.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're not just talking about a type of tissue that carries on the functions of living tissue, we're