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SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...worthwhile effort for the state to establish policy relating to cloning, cloning being probably the most simple word to this whole issue. But that is nonetheless the case. We are talking about the duplication of a genetic code, which in my estimation is problematic. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wondered if Senator Smith would yield to a couple of questions.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Smith, would you yield, please?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Smith, you talked about somatic cell nuclear transfer as being the process used for therapeutic cloning. What is the process used for reproductive cloning?

SENATOR SMITH: The process in a...for a technical term?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: I would need to get that exact term for you again. I believe it's in the handout. The implantation would be the practical side of that.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, the implantation is the act of taking the product. But I was just trying to determine what the difference was in term...at the cellular level, between therapeutic...between producing what you would call the therapeutic cell, and one that is a reproductive cell.

SENATOR SMITH: It would be a lot the same. It's just a matter of how far you take it.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, part of the reason I'm raising it as a question is because there are so many technical aspects to this.