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whole time slot here I will say that, yes, we have a budget and, yes, we have other issues that need to be addressed.

SENATOR JOHNSON: But why do we need this bill? Let's not go back to the budget. Why do we need this bill?

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, I'll refer back to my opening...

SENATOR JOHNSON: Please.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and that is the fact that...

SENATOR JOHNSON: I didn't...I guess I was a little dense and didn't understand it, so tell me why we need this bill now.

SENATOR SMITH: My respect for human life and those interests that see the world as needing to clone, for whatever reason. We hear of people wanting to clone for reproductive purposes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Sir, I'm not...we're not talking about for reproductive purposes. We're talking about research. If you'll...if we could possibly stick to the research aspect of this.

SENATOR SMITH: Are you wanting to answer my question for me, or can I?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I just want to answer the question, not to make up a different answer than what with the question I've asked.

SENATOR SMITH: We need this bill because some researchers don't want any boundaries or parameters set on their research projects. That's why I introduced this bill with both components.

SENATOR JOHNSON: What's the Senate bill by Senator Brownback, and how does that differ from this bill?

SENATOR SMITH: The Brownback bill was much the same as the green copy, and the Judiciary Committee reviewed that and, for