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SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Stuthman, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Honorable Senator Raikes and members of the body. I would like to direct a couple questions to Senator Schimek, if she would respond, please.

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I will try.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, thank you. Can you explain to me a little bit, give me your interpretation of the process of human reproductive cloning, how it starts, what the end result is, and give me a couple of those steps?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, which kind of procedure are you talking about? Are you talking about the reproductive one or the...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, the reproductive in this.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I would have to consult my notes to do that, Senator. I'm not any expert on this and I was going to say that when I got up to speak next time. Like Senator Smith, I did not like biology in high school or college, either one, and don't pretend to be an expert in this arena. I don't think anybody in this floor is an expert in this arena, with the possible exception maybe of the good doctor here. But I do know that there...that there is a lot going on right now in therapeutic cloning and I...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: No, my question was to the reproductive part of cloning. I have two questions, and that will be the next question of it, but while I'm using my time I would...I appreciate your comments but I would refer those, that same question, to Senator Smith that introduced the bill. Can you give me an explanation of what your opinion of that is?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator Smith.