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SENATOR FRIEND: That actually happened to me. Now we can dismiss it and we can move on, but it's our job, Senator, I believe it is, and we'll make time. And if we can't make time then I don't know why we're here. I return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I stand in support of Senator Schimek's amendment. I would stand against anything which would limit our research of medical needs, possibilities, potential, whatever. I would grant that I have a personal interest in this. Our son is in a wheelchair. Other people here have the same thing. He's in a wheelchair because of injury to his spinal cord. Before that happened, I was not aware, so I assume others are not aware, that a spinal cord changes its nature about the time of birth. It is a great mystery. Before birth, a spinal cord will reproduce and correct any injury to itself; after birth it will not. There is intense research across this nation from a variety of different directions to try to figure out what happens in those cells, what instruction, what memory, what is the mechanical thing, if we can call it that? What's happening here that Doug's spinal cord will not mend? What could be done? Could you pack it with fetal cell tissue and would that fool it into thinking that it was fetal cell and he would be healed? What could be done to better understand what the cells are doing? I submit to you that if that secret were to be unlocked and, I have personal hope, when that secret is unlocked we will have thousands of persons in this nation freed from their wheelchairs. We will have impacts to our accessibility laws of all across the land. It will be a whole new world. But it will not happen without research, and I am not going to vote for anything that limits the research when we know so little about it. I was going to say in the beginning, I promise not to use any technical terms. I'll keep that promise, because that's not what it's about. I'm not trying to understand or unwrap the mystery of the cell. I want those who are willing to do that to have a free hand to do