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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could the material from a woman's egg be removed and a sperm cell inserted? Would that be an example of cloning?

SENATOR SMITH: I believe that would be, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could a woman take material from one of her somatic cells and have it inserted in one of her egg cells from which the nuclear material had been removed? Can that be done?

SENATOR SMITH: I believe that that would fall under the therapeutic cloning, but I...I would like to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could be done though. The process could be done, couldn't it?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, the process...there are a lot of processes that could take place that will (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No. Yes or no, can the nuclear material from a cell taken from a woman's skin be put into one of her egg cells from one of her eggs from which the nucleus had been removed? Can that be done?

SENATOR SMITH: You would still need a nucleus.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would come from the material...okay, if a man's...if a man's skin cell has the nucleus removed from it and placed into the woman's egg from which the nucleus had been removed, would that be cloning?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you took the skin cell from the woman herself and did the same thing and she placed it, she had it placed in one of her eggs, would that be cloning?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would that which results be, in your mind, a