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can go. And that's really the debate that occurred before the Judiciary Committee when this bill was heard. We had some people from the scientific community saying, hey, government, stay out; this isn't your business; we get to decide all these questions; the scientific community gets to decide it all, not legislators. And I would disagree with that fundamentally. I think it's very appropriate that we take up this issue. Senator Schimek, I wonder if you might yield to a question or two on your amendment. I know that there's...I think there's a drafting problem with your amendment. I imagine we're going to see a new amendment fairly soon, is that correct?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. And the answer is yes.

SENATOR FOLEY: Right. Sure. And when we see that new amendment, the general intent of that amendment is to preserve the option of therapeutic cloning. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR FOLEY: While allowing the bill to go forward that would ban reproductive cloning.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR FOLEY: Now, when we have therapeutic cloning, we still have a cloned embryo though.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR FOLEY: Okay. Are there...would you envision in your amendment, your future amendment, any restrictions whatsoever on the use of that embryo?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator, I would not know how to restrict it at this point. We can certainly have that discussion if you have some ideas or suggestions that you would like to make, but I have...I don't have in mind any restrictions. I would hope