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Mr. President, Senator Schimek, I understand you want to withdraw AM1294, Senator. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Before we go to that amendment, I would like to...while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I would like to sign and do sign LR 78 and LR 79. Senator Schimek, to open on your amendment. (AM1718, Legislative Journal pages 1609-1610.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, quite rightly pointed out that in the previous amendment we had altered two of the sections, but not the third one, which was actually Section 3...no, Section 2, Section 3, and under that section it gives the definitions for the act. What we did is we changed the first section and we changed the third...the fourth section, but we didn't change the third section. So what this...what this particular amendment does is it amends the Standing Committee amendments and, on page 1, it strikes, beginning in line 7 with the comma, and then it goes through line 11 where it says "humans," and then in line 18, after "reproduction," it just simply says "which involves implanting an embryo in a uterus and which is." So the bill then would read on...in Section 2, "The intent of the Human Cloning Prohibition Act is to ban all human cloning. The intent is not to restrict areas of scientific research not specifically prohibited by the act." And then down in Section 3 it says, under subsection (3): Human cloning means human asexual reproduction which involves implanting an embryo in a uterus and which is accomplished by introducing nuclear material from one or more human somatic cells in a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte whose nuclear...am I saying that right, Senator Chambers, nuclear...material has been removed or inactivated so as to produce a living organism, et cetera, et cetera. So we put the definition in the definition section rather than in the other