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you had diabetes or a member of your family had it? If indeed a cure for diabetes was found, would you use it or allow any of your members of your family to use it?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Smith, would you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Johnson, that's a hypothetical scenario that I'm not even going to answer because I feel like you're going to twist it and use it against me, and I won't engage in that.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Laugh) All right. Then let me ask you this. Again theoretically, and I agree it's theoretical, but if...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...if the research showed that there was a cure for diabetes, would you oppose other people being cured of their diabetes by using this technology?

SENATOR SMITH: What part of the bill does this relate to?

SENATOR JOHNSON: The whole thing, as I understand it.

SENATOR SMITH: Which part though? I mean, surely there's got to be a line here or two.

SENATOR JOHNSON: All I want is an answer to my question, please. Would you keep other people from using the research that was started by this technology?

SENATOR SMITH: No, and that's why I didn't include it in the bill.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I guess I'm understanding you're not understanding right what we're talking about. I think that my time is about done, so I will turn on my light and rise again.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker, members of the