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Would he respond, please?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, would you yield, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Beutler, what do you feel is the difference between artificial insemination and cloning?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The difference between artificial insemination and cloning. Well, I've never been involved in artificial insemination, Senator, but I assume that that is taking the natural sperm of an animal and implanting it in the female animal. That's not cloning.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: No, that is the artificial insemination.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: You unite the egg with the sperm cell, and that's the natural part of it. And that's what is the artificial insemination. Now, explain to me what you feel cloning is.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Cloning, Senator, is a process that cannot occur naturally. Unless identical twins are clones. I'm not sure about that. Are identical twins clones? No? So cloning is not a process that can obtain naturally. So I'm not sure what more you want to know.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Well, the answer I was trying to receive from you is the process of the cloning, taking out the nuclear part of the egg and replacing it with some cells. Is this what you would call cloning?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Taking out the nucleus and transplanting it to another? Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Transplanting some other cells in the placement where you took out the nucleus of that egg.