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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, as I understand it, Senator, there's several different types of therapeutic cloning. And that's what I was trying to point out by reading to you from this article. Yes, one type of therapeutic cloning would be what you just talked about. But another kind of therapeutic cloning could, as Senator Chambers was talking about awhile ago, be infusing a cell from your own body into your own egg. I mean, that would be possible as well. And from that, then, you get a different type of therapeutic cloning, I think.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: But it would still...the result of it could end up being the same...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...project, or...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman and Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't believe that there will ever be the cloning of a human being, ever. This is...we're talking religion here, and that's all it is, pure and simple. And we're operating from a position of ignorance. Everybody has to say what they don't know. If we are opposed to the advancement of knowledge, that ought to just be said. People were burned at the stake because they dared to make statements advancing knowledge. When the first person postulated the circulation of the blood, he was considered to be possessed of a devil. He was born...he was burned at the stake, but for something else. Miguel de Servetus was the one who first postulated and demonstrated the circulation of the blood. Some European, I think, is given credit for it, however. This is a criminal statute. And Senator Brashear is gone. I wanted to ask him a question. But I want to get something in the record. And the fact that people in Congress say they vote for