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SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and members. Let's see if we can't address what I think is some confusion on the floor about the difference between therapeutic cloning and reproductive cloning. There's no difference. They are the same thing. You start...the process is identical. The only difference is, what do you do with that embryo once you've created it? Under therapeutic form, you allow it to grow, and then you harvest the stem cells from it. That's what this is all about. And in reproductive cloning, you take that embryo and you implant it in a woman and allow it to mature and grow through that natural process. That's the difference. But the whole process of creating an embryo is the same under both therapeutic and reproductive cloning. Let me, if I can, follow up with Senator Schimek. We got cut off from lack of time last time we were speaking on this, Senator Schimek. Would you yield?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR FOLEY: Under your amendment, you are essentially agreeing with Senator Smith and many of the rest of us that once you've cloned the human embryo, once you've created that new human embryo, that we should not allow for the implantation of that embryo into the woman's body?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR FOLEY: You're agreeing with that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR FOLEY: But you're saying we should allow the scientist to allow that embryo to grow and mature and then ultimately harvest stem cells from the embryo? Is that what you're trying to protect under your amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is part of it, yes.

SENATOR FOLEY: All right. So after so many days, the embryo