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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Is that what you're suggesting?

SENATOR FOLEY: In theory it could. We don't know how far science can push this. But I have no doubt that there are scientists out there who would want to test those limits,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't know how...

SENATOR FOLEY: ...and continue to grow that embryo.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that could happen. I mean, we're not talking about something that is in a place where it can grow into a child.

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, we're talking about placing the embryo in an environment where it can grow and mature. That's the whole purpose of therapeutic cloning, is to allow it to grow and mature so that certain cells can be harvested. That's what therapeutic cloning is.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But at some point...I don't know how much...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't know if the embryo does keep growing once you've harvested the stem cells.

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, no, once you've harvested the cell, it's dead.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right. Okay.

SENATOR FOLEY: You've killed it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Not necessarily, Senator Brown says.

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, yes. Well, she'll have her turn. It's my understanding that you can, you can grow that embryo to a certain point, then you harvest those cells. But what I'm saying is, what if a scientist doesn't want to harvest those