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discuss this and explain exactly what it does and doesn't do. And I think that a lot of times, in areas like this, we have the best of intentions, but maybe we...I don't want to say we reach too far, but because of our lack of understanding of science, we don't exactly know how far we're reaching, and we do too much. And Senator Smith and I have parted ways on other research regarding...or, involving tissue and that, in that I support that research. And I'm afraid that we're intruding in that area. And I'm not quite sure. And the longer the debate goes on without any real answers, I think the worse it gets and the muddier it gets. I am concerned with the...some of the language in the committee amendment. And it's not to criticize the Judiciary Committee at all. But I'm confused that "deliver," the word "deliver" is defined, but "derive" is not. And each one of those, as Senator Chambers mentioned, is a component of the crime. I'm concerned that "product" is not defined. "Genetically virtually identical" is also not defined. And again, maybe these are commonplace terms in science that I just don't know about, which, believe it or not, Senator Byars, could be. This is not my area of expertise. And what I'm afraid of is that we are reaching too far with this. Should we ban cloning? My opinion is, we probably should. But I'm afraid that this goes further than that. And Senator Smith, I'm going to yield you the remainder of my time. And hopefully you can make some sense out of this situation. And I guess what I would suggest to you is that if you can clear up the water a little bit, it might go towards heading off people like Senator Chambers that are...have some questions and concerns and criticisms. And if you'd like the balance of my time to perhaps make this clear, address some of these issues of the committee amendment, why some words are defined and some aren't, and perhaps say why Senator Schimek's amendment is not our best course of action, I'd yield you that time, and hopefully you can make a little clarity of this situation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Smith, you have about two, twenty.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Sometimes I think if we had a bill about basketball and we started talking about football, everyone would think the bill was really about