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disagree with that at all. But on the other hand, when you're talking about a Class IV felony, we have an obligation to be crystal clear as to what it means to derive any product from human cloning, or to deliver or receive any embryo produced by or from human cloning. So if we have the state of Washington that is doing something with cloning, and then we have a scientist in Nebraska that wants to do an experiment on that, not even impart that onto another human being, they would... as I read this, they would be prohibited from even receiving a cloned embryo. Is that accurate?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, that is accurate.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And maybe we want to stop that conduct. I'm just saying, I think that we need to flesh out, for lack of a better term, exactly what these terms mean. And again, I support what you're trying to do. I'm just concerned that maybe we're going too far.

SENATOR SMITH: And that could very well be your perception. I...

SENATOR BOURNE: And I guess what I was trying to do is give you the time that I had so that, you know, you could add a little clarity to the situation and kind of bring us back into focus and discuss these elements of the bill, the concerns that people had brought forth regarding the bill.

SENATOR SMITH: Sure. And I appreciate that opportunity. I hope I didn't take your time and squander it. Because I think that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...I've stayed closer to the bill, closer to the language at hand than other of my colleagues. And I want to very briefly talk to you again about the person who disagrees with me politically, but supports this bill, long after I introduced it I discovered, because he sees cloning, therapeutic or reproductive, as a way of choosing, in his words, a race. And I don't want to inflame the issue here; But the fact is,