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because this is the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a question if he would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Brashear, to a...is Senator Brashear...he is here. Would you yield, Senator Brashear, to a question?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, in telling us what a diploid cell...I mean, what a somatic cell is, we go to line 1, on page 2 of the committee amendment. It says, "Somatic cell means a diploid cell having a complete set of chromosomes." What is a diploid cell?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I don't have a technical definition for you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do you think it says the additional language, "having a complete set of chromosomes?"

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, by inference, it would be a somatic cell that has a complete set of chromosomes that makes it a diploid. But I'm not certain that's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, actually, a diploid cell has twice the number of chromosomes of a mature, what they call germ cell. I would like to ask Senator Smith a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, if you accept what I said as being true, what is the difference between a diploid and a diplodocus?