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what the committee amendment is proposing?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, I'll start. I think I will need to speak longer...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but are you willing...

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...than what your time...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to accept time from me to begin?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I'm sorry?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you willing, though, to accept whatever time I have left to begin?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes. Yes. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I would yield the rest of my time to Dr. Johnson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson, about four minutes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Why are we here today? That's the big question. What's the rush? What's the need for this bill? What's the need for this Legislature to commit this to law? Two years ago, President Bush restricted the number of cell...excuse me, stem cell lines to some 60 to 75 stem cell lines. He did one other thing. He created his Council on Bioethics. This council is some-50 people around the United States. Most of them are not bioresearchers. In fact, the president of this council, or chairman, is a gentleman by name of Kass. He is an ethicist. I think he has some term as professor at the University of Chicago, that refers to it as essentially an ethical term, and I forget exactly which one it is. Nonetheless, those of us, when this council was created, were quite concerned because we thought that it was going to be a stacked council or committee that would come up with the answer that the person who nominated these people to this council would desire. Last Friday, they came up with their first recommendations. It was a very