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followed by Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. I continue to oppose the bill if it continues to ban research; I support it if it does not. I do affirm all the discussion of ethics. I've said before this place kind of looks like a seminary. It feels like a seminary and begins to sound like a seminary as we keep talking about ethics. But ethics is not necessarily all secular and would point out that it's hard to come up with an institution that might represent the secular thought. Certainly, Mayo's is not that, because Mayo's is in a cooperative that includes the Roman Catholic Church. I would want us to focus on the moral principle that's behind all of this discussion, for a bit. We are told that we have this cell described, and I'm going to spare you any descriptions of cells, we have this cell described and it is exceedingly precious, I agree with that, but it is so precious that we must protect it at all costs. That's the basic premise of all that is before us. That's what we've been talking about in this, but we won't talk about the moral principle involved because the moral principle is that life is the highest value. It is not. There's no moral structure that I am aware of that places life as the highest value. The last time that was done is in 1904, when Dr. Albert Schweitzer put that forth in a book, and no one has picked it up and used it in the last 50 years. Life is not the highest value, and every one of us on the floor is proof of that because we're willing to risk our lives. If life is the highest value, then you do not risk your life for anything, because you don't put the high value up against something that would obviously be of lower value. I have spent weeks and endless hours in seminary where we each do our hierarchy of values and we develop structures of moral systems, and then we have fun shooting holes into each other's structures. It's a very interesting discipline. I greatly enjoyed it. I love that kind of debate, that give and take. But in the process, you find out that if you...that what you start off with as your highest value is critical, and life is not one that's going to make you successful in that debate. We, if we're going to put life as the highest value, then we've got to stop that fireman from going into a burning building, because he's risking life. He doesn't have a right to. He has the...it would be immoral