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earlier, the January 18 article out of the New York Times. Dr. Walter M. Robinson, associate director of the Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School, not necessarily an opponent of embryonic research but very concerned about the unintended consequences of what this would produce, this guy said this. It's a quote: I am less worried about the moral arguments of using embryos than I am about the commercialization of the research. He's getting to the point that this research is producing very little results. That's his point here. He's worried that commercial interests may exaggerate potential benefits from stem cells and the commercial environment changes and the way we evaluate research. Then he added the point that a little knowledge of history tells us that the advances are generally not planned and can't be predicted, blah-blah-blah. Sorry for taking up your time. I just wanted to point that out. I think we're fully within our realm of responsibility here. I appreciate the debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I'd call the question.

SPEAKER BROMM: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before us is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: The debate does cease and, Senator Chambers, you'd be recognized to close on your motion to recommit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Smith a question or two, if he is willing to answer them or attempt to.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Smith, will you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, would you look at the