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SENATOR SMITH: A nucleus.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what is in that nucleus?

SENATOR SMITH: I can't be more specific than that, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, a nucleus. How many nuclei can be introduced into one egg and flourish?

SENATOR SMITH: I'm not familiar with how many could flourish. I don't think it's been attempted, or at least successfully so, to carry that out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why then does the language use the plural when it says introducing nuclear material from one or more human somatic cells into a, into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte?

SENATOR SMITH: That seemed, from the legal advice that I sought and received with the committee amendments, that seemed to be a more clarified manner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this person who gave you your legal advice said that the cloning research involves taking a nucleus from more than one cell and putting several nuclei into one egg from which its nuclear material had been removed.

SENATOR SMITH: I'm not sure. I'm not sure what their exact intent was, Senator, other than to be as specific as possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I probably am not making clear what the question is. When we get in line 23 and we say, "an existing or previously existing human organism," what is meant by "organism" here?

SENATOR SMITH: A living...a living...or a living being.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it doesn't have to be a fully-developed human being, though, does it?

SENATOR SMITH: That is correct.