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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, Senator Maxwell and I were having a brief discussion, so I think I'm going to ask him a question or two, not about our discussion but on the subject before us. Senator Maxwell, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Maxwell, would you yield?

SENATOR MAXWELL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maxwell, I'm sure you would agree that fertilization can take place outside the womb.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If fertilization in fact takes place, a zygote forms...

SENATOR MAXWELL: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it begins to divide, would you agree that that is a full-fledged human being?

SENATOR MAXWELL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you feel that that human being is entitled to protection just as would be the case if it were inside the womb?

SENATOR MAXWELL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why does this bill and no other bill we've ever had seek to protect that human being outside the womb?

SENATOR MAXWELL: Because I think in the real and imperfect political world in which we operate this is probably all that's possible. I think Senator Beutler used the term "pragmatic"