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on your motion to reconsider the vote taken on FA198 to LB 57.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I probably did not spend enough time explaining my amendment. I know my time is running, but I have to make use of a piece of high-tech equipment for a second. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Landis is a thoughtful person. I'd like to ask him a question. Senator Landis, I'm...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'm not going to start with any presumptions. Is it your...do you accept the premise that a fertilized egg is a stage of development, and I'm not going to say a full-fledged Homo sapiens, as Senator Foley did,...

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a stage of development of a Homo sapiens?

SENATOR LANDIS: I hope...we're talking about a fertilized embryo? Are we...is that what we're...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just the egg, a fertilized egg.

SENATOR LANDIS: Just the...so that there has been a sperm and an egg and we've got that. Do I think that's part of the stage of development of what eventually is what we would regard as a human being, a child, a baby, et cetera?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: The answer is, yes, I think it is, but I'm not a scientist. I'm just using a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...common-sense reaction.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And so that it won't seem like I'm paraphrasing anything, I'm going to read the definition in the