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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I think there would be some parallel, but I would...I would refrain from destroying a embryo in a human, but if it was an egg, I would not have any problem with that. So I think there's...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not talking about the destruction...

SENATOR KREMER: Yeah, well, I'm talking about it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of anything. I'm talking about the definition.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Well, there would be some similarities.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why don't we stop calling a fetus, an embryo or a zygote an unborn child? Neither of those is a child. Each represents a stage of development, just as a fertilized chicken egg is not a chicken, a fertilized cassowary egg is not a cassowary, whether it's from Australia, South America or Nebraska. A fertilized duck egg is not a duck. An acorn is not an oak tree.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A horse chestnut is not a chestnut horse. So a zygote, an embryo, a fetus is not an unborn child, isn't that true, other than the fact that some people want to define it that way? Or you think that is not true? Do you think that a zygote, which is a fertilized egg, is an unborn child? Do you believe that, Senator Kremer? Then I'll turn you loose.

SENATOR KREMER: I'm sorry. Repeat that, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'll turn you loose.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Thank you. (Laugh) Thanks. (Laughter)