

Omaha when she had moved into a housing complex, her daughter had enrolled in a nearby school, and they were...they were given notice that they would have to leave because of her daughter. Apparently, maybe the landlord didn't realize she had a daughter, I don't know. But she began calling around to find out if she could find another place in that general vicinity because she didn't want to move her daughter out of school. And she found only two, out of 30 apartment complexes that she called, who would possibly rent to her when one became available. She said that there were...she learned then that there were a group of what she called gypsies, families who were shuffled from one rental to the other repeatedly as apartments or other rental units fell like dominoes to the family exclusion policy. In other words, landlords would have a certain number of apartments or rental units designated as those that could have children in them. And if they weren't available, in one apartment complex she tried to find another one, and you often move from place to place. What was the point, she says. Management and its parent company indicated that they had zero problems with the tenants. Her daughter was rather a quiet child. She said I could well afford the attractive and roomy units. The decision was a categorical one, not based on anything else. My daughter couldn't believe it, this is America, she said, what about my rights? I called federal and state housing discrimination agencies and discovered that she had none. Housing discrimination against children was not actionable. Her more heartbreaking objections made me realize the impact of any form of discrimination on self-esteem.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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SENATOR SCHIMEK: But I'm not bad, she said, why don't they want me? Ladies and gentlemen, this is an important bill, it will end discrimination for families with children, as well as the elderly, and it is something that we need to do this year. I ask for your support of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, additional discussion on the amendment.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Moore's amendment. I really don't see why we want to spend another \$100,000 or more for this when the