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issue. Quote, and this is old George, "We in this body can make law and there is no one that will deny that we can do that within the framework of the Constitution, but once we have made law and once we have put into place the statutes that govern the State of Nebraska, we cannot disobey that particular law. If we think it is wrong, we can change it, but while we have our statutes in effect, what we do in this body must be, can be nothing else than in accord with what we have placed in statute." A little later that morning, the body went on record of establishing a policy that in the case that was at issue, that the policy of the State of Nebraska was to be, we would not accept sexist statements on the part of employees of the State of Nebraska, nor we would accept racist statements, nor would we indemnify people who had been placed upon them compensatory damages for having made those statements. Now I disagreed with that at the time because, in my mind, it was clearly contrary to the protection of state employees that was in statute. But in retrospect, I changed my mind because it was clearly within the duty, the responsibilities of this body to establish by our actions the direction of the policies of the State of Nebraska; what is important and what is not important. That morning the letter of the law was not followed. The decision that was made by this body was right. Today we are faced with, again, a policy decision. Set aside the issues of the moment, set aside the personalities involved.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Consider that what we do this morning, we establish the policy that, in all cases, the absolute wording of statute must be followed with no deviation, or we establish a policy that all of the situations that are involved must be considered and that there may well be fundamental rights or privileges, whatever that definition is, of our citizens that take precedent over what the exact language of statute is. I would encourage each person to vote their conscience when the time comes to do so. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. We will now go to Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I want to talk about the intent, the intent of statutory language. It is the intent of our election law to do three basic things; one, to guarantee all qualified voters the right to be able to do so;