

expressing what his will is, her will, excuse me, I stand corrected, expressing what her will is, is sufficient to make people comply, why would she then create a hell? But, Senator Schimek, I don't believe she did. I think that's when they had this man God trying to scare everybody instead of reasoning with people. But let's take the old way, that old backward way, and let God be a man. If God thought that telling people his will would be sufficient to have people obey, why create a hell? If they're not going to obey God, do you think they're going to obey something that is put here by us? I don't believe there is a person in here who can say that they believe no official or no individual would misuse this law as a threat to try to prevent somebody from expressing an opinion or filing a complaint or criticizing. We don't need that. There is so much talk and boasting about the good life in Nebraska and the things that are available, the Legislature is making it more and more repressive in this state, taking away more and more of the fundamental freedoms that people have. I'm not even talking about the right to be in business. If that's what we're talking about you all would be stampeding to vote in favor of making sure you protect somebody's right to gouge the public. But, when it comes to the right of citizens to speak, you are quick to cut them off at the knees. The record will show what my position was and that I won't stand on this floor whining saying, give me a break and don't call me a crook because it's unfair to me and, by the same token, you won't see me passing laws that impact in a way that is arbitrary, unjust and heavy-handed on other people, people that I don't even know. There is such a thing as right and we ought to do right and we don't do right by impinging on the freedom of people to speak. Some, Senator Hudkins, I agree with you 100 percent, are going to tell outright lies. I agree. And there are some people who are going to mix the truth with lies and then there are some who are going to mix the truth with exaggeration and there are some who are going to outright exaggerate, then there are some who are going to misstate facts because...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..they're ignorant of what the facts actually are. There are others who not just are ignorant, but they're careless as to what the facts are so we have a wide ranging spectrum across which people can be found who will say things that do not comport with the truth. We even do it and we don't want our words criminalized. If we do something that borders on