

evening. Emmanuel J. Byington, Jr. died less than 12 hours after the Nebraska Department of Social Services announced that it no longer would place foster children in the homes of people who identified themselves as gay or lesbian. Thursday morning the department asked its senior administrators to provide the names of all Nebraska foster children and foster parents known to staff members as homosexuals. The article goes on to tell, and I'll pick it up, Benson principal Frank Hoy said he could not confirm the teasing. He said Byington had attended Benson only four or five school days before his death. Here is what the principal was referring to. Kingston traced Byington's unhappiness to a history of depression, suicide attempts and recent teasing by other Benson students about his homosexuality. Our children are being victimized and yet we halt. What reason would there be for the Department of Social Services to put this label on children, so that it can follow them throughout their lives and they can be discriminated against in the areas where we're not willing to protect them against, from discrimination? I have an article that I want to read and I'll probably run out of time, but the reason I want to read it is because it talks about the public way people deal with this issue and the private way...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when people drop their guard or are off their guard. It's from the Lincoln-Star dated February 3, 1995, on page 6. Slips of the tongue, especially those of the Freudian variety are no crime, but they can be devastatingly revealing and when they inject themselves into our national dialogue it is worth asking what they reveal about our national subconscious. Just who is "Barney Fag"? First and foremost he is not Barney Frank. Barney Frank is the congressman from Massachusetts whose honesty, conviction and hard work have earned him the support of his constituents and the respect of his colleagues. Barney Frank is a public man of public stature. "Barney Fag" is, thanks to the Freudian revelation, emitted by House majority leader Dick Armey, what some of Barney Frank's congressional cohorts apparently call him behind closed doors.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I yield to Senator Chambers.