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think such denial of employment opportunities could be classed as a public evil?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can that problem be addressed by a legislature through legislation that would prohibit it and then provide remedies for those who suffer such discrimination?

SENATOR WILL: The Legislature can certainly attempt to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it have the power to do so if it chooses to do so?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if a legislature refuses to do so, that is an issue that perhaps will continue to be discussed in public forums for as long a time as that problem exists. Would you agree?

SENATOR WILL: For as long as you're in the Legislature, I'm sure it will be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And whenever a bill is before us that touches on issues, as you pointed out, it is the prerogative of any senator to raise issues that the bill might have a bearing on.

SENATOR WILL: And, Senator Chambers, that was the point that I was trying to make when I talked about...in opposition, frankly, to your amendment, but that it's not inappropriate for a senator to stand up and make comments about issues that may not be directly addressed by the bill, but they may have some indirect or tangential relationship to the bill. And I think you've correctly pointed that out. I simply...you know, my opposition to your amendment was simply that I don't think this is the time or the place to do anything on a bill like this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When righteousness, as opposed to wickedness, is the issue, isn't it always the time and place to do the right thing, or should...