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the U.S. Constitution says the state shall pass, well, Congress and then it's reflected in the state constitution, shall pass no law respecting any religion? Would this be a law that we're talking about here, LB 114?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, it would be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it make reference to the activities and practices of a specific religion; namely, Christianity?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I would guess it does, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that a law respecting the Christian religion then?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Probably.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Doesn't the constitution prohibit that from being done?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Well, I'm sure how you read the constitution we leave that up to the judicial to see how they would read it. But...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think the law can be enacted that allows the Christian Church to do what it wants to do and leave all the other churches out?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I can't give you examples, Senator Chambers, but I'm sure there's other places where it has been done in the law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. Members of the Legislature, this is unconstitutional. It is arrogant, it is intolerant. And it's a good thing that a nonreligious person such as myself stands on this floor to call attention to these types of things. People who have always been in charge, who have always had things their way think that their way is the only way. They think their attitude of what is right and wrong is the only attitude which is appropriate for determining what is right and what is wrong. As a result, you get these arrogant