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wrongfulness of what we, as a Legislature, do by funding private schools at the expense of public education. If things are so bad and dollars are so tight for public schools, why are you frittering away money that should go to those schools to give it to these private schools that are going their own direction, that exist not because of a mandate of law but because of choice by these churches to which they are associated? Their children can go to public schools. The public schools are open for everybody but these church schools are not open for everybody. They want to reserve what they call the right to discriminate against certain people. Now maybe people don't like gay people in the public schools but they cannot enact a law that says if a child is gay that child cannot go to the public school, and the public schools may not protect that child when that child is being humiliated, ridiculed, teased and violently assaulted by classmates who are Christians and who are there to learn how to be decent human beings. And instead of all these Christians saying that's not the way children should be treated in school even if they are gay, they say, well, they ought to keep their gayness to themselves. Don't tell anybody, which means if you have a certain bent to your...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...life, it's all right to inflict violence on you, and these good upstanding Christians and other people will say it's all right. I don't believe any child ought to be abused in that way, and if people don't want their children going to a school where gay children are welcome and where they are going to be treated like human beings, let them send them to these private schools which maintain the right to discriminate against gay children. But those issues are not of concern to my colleagues. I'm like the voice crying in the wilderness, but I'm going to do it at every opportunity, and I will not be deterred and I'm going to continue to raise the issue and continue to raise it. And 500 years from now, some other pope is going to be put in the position of Paul II of having saying, Father of all, forgive us, for we have sinned as a Catholic Church.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. You've heard the closing. The