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LB 215

But there is just one other thing that I've got to say. I think the man that I quoted from in this article this morning is a screwball. Merely putting "Reverend" in front of his name does not, from my position, as antireligious as some people think that I am, make me feel that he is speaking for everybody who may have "Reverend" in front of his or her name. I do not believe he speaks for all religious people, even though he hides behind religion in order to make these kind of degrading statements. I want to call something to my good, young friend, Senator Smith's attention. When the people he is working with, because he has worked with Guyla Mills; he's kind of scared of her. I hope it's only because of her position, because she's on a radio station, not because she threatened to take him out in the alley and beat the stew out of him if he votes wrong (laugh). But this guy is talking about the possibility of polygamy. I believe one of the status is that you cannot discriminate against a person for, in this bill, is marital status. Well, if we're going to protect marital status, isn't that provision under which somebody might try to commit polygamy? Because you're talking exactly about marital status. But Senator Smith's friends will take this narrow amendment in this narrow context and spread it out to cover the waterfront of human activity. They didn't object to nondiscrimination based on marital status, even though somebody could argue that protects polygamy. And tailgating on "Reverend Dr." Kruse, the right, "Reverend Dr." Kruse, he was so correct in mentioning that these kind of illegal activities are by and large engaged in by heterosexuals. And the most recently convicted person of having five or six wives and 25 or 26 children, some of whom are paid for and supported by the state, was a religious heterosexual in a state that is identified with religion. But a religious jury convicted him and a religious judge is going to sentence him. And so it was this heterosexuals conduct that was condemned by the law and is being punished by the law. Mr. President, I withdraw that motion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is withdrawn. The first vote is on whether LB 215 should be considered for a vote without an at-large reading. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.