

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, several times in her presentation Senator Pirsch used the term anchor. This is one of those unnecessary, in my opinion, foolish notions attempting to be put into the constitution which should be tied to an anchor and dropped into the deepest part of the sea of worthless proposals. This clutters the constitution, it demeans the value and nature of the document and in the same way that I voted against it last session. I will vote against it again. That battle was rancorous, as a result of some of the discussion there were changes brought about in the original proposal and Senator Pirsch has indicated that this is the identical proposition that passed the Legislature last time. One senator who no longer... a former senator, was very honest last time and it was used against him, he said this is silly, this proposal, but he didn't have the courage to vote against it, and that was used against him when he was running for reelection. I don't know if that was the only thing that got him beaten because my name was also... his name was tied to mine as you did, Senator Jensen, in yours and that may have been really the stone that led to his demise. But at any rate, I'm going to vote against this. I think it is totally inappropriate to begin putting what should be the subject of legislation into the constitution. It is very alluring to bite on the bait which is cast out when you make an emotional appeal about victims of crime. I would like to see a set of circumstances where there would never be a crime committed again against anybody. But, Senator Pirsch, even if this were heaven that is not the case. What a lot of the people here don't know, who are younger than I, the first crime was committed in heaven. Heaven, Senator Pirsch, is where crime and criminality originated where God is and God is all good. Nothing angels, and by the way, all angels in the Bible are male. Every angel is masculine. There were no female angels ever. So when a female is referred to by a male as an angel, you'd better ask him what he has in mind because that is a masculine designation. But if there cannot be a crimeless situation in heaven, why expect one on this flawed plain known as earth? In any case, what Senator Pirsch is trying to have put into the constitution is a series of statements and notions which would be better left to legislation. It is an unwise move by the Legislature even to submit this to the public. An argument is not valid simply because it can state correctly that if this idea were submitted to the public they would vote for it. Who in here would submit a proposal to the public saying it should be rendered unconstitutional to pay income taxes? How many of you think