

amendment itself. This policy of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation is also the policy of the university system, numerous businesses, those in the Fortune 500, maybe they call them now the Fortune 1,000, or Fortune 5,000. Among these people who are considered the hardheaded, practical realists of the society have come to an understanding that there is a huge talent pool available in this country which is going untapped because of the Neanderthal-like attitude toward people based on their sexual orientation. This amendment does not authorize or allow a person to engage in any conduct at the workplace or in conjunction with his or her employment of a sexual nature. Whether the activity is homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual, a menage a trois or however that's pronounced, and orgies and all these other activities which are so popular in America, and especially in political gatherings in other parts of the country, none of that is to be allowed at the workplace under this amendment. There are some people who may have religious objections to an amendment of this kind. But I should point out to you that when this bill was...it was in the form of a bill before the Business and Labor Committee, there was not a unified position taken on it by the Archdiocese in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island. Grand Island and Omaha did not oppose the bill. The Lincoln Archbishop sent a poor, defenseless priest to speak against the bill. But as I began to ask questions, he told us he was instructed not to answer any questions, instructed not to answer any questions. And, naturally, I had some negative comments to make about that. But keep this in mind, those of you who do have a religious bent, if this type of discrimination, which so many people want to keep in place based on their religious view, had been followed by a certain Pope, the Sistine Chapel ceiling would not have been painted because that gave employment to one of the most famous, in some people's mind, notorious homosexuals in history. Here was the church employing a homosexual to portray the most significant and profound religious principles of Christianity. And if there was to be discrimination because of his sexual orientation, he would not have been up there doing his painting. This man was considered one of the greatest artists of all time, not only with the paint minimum...medium, but sculpting. His statue of David is a classic. All types of renderings of the human form by Michaelangelo were so outstanding and unique that they became the model that others attempted to copy, but they never could duplicate. If all of that talent were to have been swept away because of a backward attitude towards somebody based on his