

sexual orientation, look what the world would have lost. We have no way of knowing what has been lost as a result of nameless, unknown people who were deprived of the opportunity...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to achieve whatever their talents and abilities were likely to result in had they not be suppressed and repressed because of their sexual orientation or perception about it. There is in this amendment a definition. But before I go into that, because my time is so short, true, another bill has been introduced, but Senator Warner and all of us who have been around the track a few times know that the aphorism should apply in this case as every other one, strike while the iron is hot. This is a short session, many things are before us, every opportunity I have to get on the fast track,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I intend to seize.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, you're light is the next one on also.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Some people didn't realize, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, that Michaelangelo was a homosexual. They didn't use the term "gay" in those days. And there are others. There was a...he's considered a great American poet, I don't like his poetry, but he had a long beard. That's not why I didn't like his poetry, had long hair. He looked like a wild man, and he wrote in what they call blank verse. Did no rhyme, no meter, and, in my view, no sense, but because whenever a person is held up as having significance in a society, I will try to acquaint myself of what that person has written, said or done, I did read some of his works, and I found some of it to be remarkably similar to things written during an early period of literary history, but that's beside the point. He was gay also. Somebody said w. o. Somebody suggested Longfellow. I'm not calling names, because posthumously I don't want to create a problem for anybody. But here is what I want to read, because the amendment is somewhat lengthy I will refer you to pages by number, in case you have any interest. The definition of sexual orientation is found on page 21 of the amendment, and it says, "Sexual orientation", beginning in line 17, "shall mean having