

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, in these little books or pamphlets, or whatever they are where our occupation is designated, I have put "Defender of the Downtrodden". The fact that the body is so afraid of even discussing this issue, with the exception of Senator Warner, points out the seriousness of the problem and makes it clear why at every opportunity I'm going to raise this issue. It is not going to go away. This will not be the only bill on which I will make this effort. If the Business and Labor Committee chooses to kill my bill, I will make a motion to bring it before the body. I will seek other bills to which it is germane and make a motion to strike all the provisions of such bill if there is not a part of that bill to which my amendment can be attached, and insert the contents of LB 902, which is the bill this year that I offered. I am determined to make this state come to grips with this problem. And though you sit quiet in the face of one of the most nefarious types of discrimination, you shall not escape. All that is needed for wickedness to triumph is that good men and good women do nothing, sit silent, sit fearful, then on other issues talk about moral courage, talk about human values, talk about Christianity and all of these things which are popular, as long as you stay within certain, narrow confines. But when time comes to kick the traces and cut a new path toward freedom, justice and equality, this Legislature is one of the most cowardly bodies, as a whole, that you can find, that you can find. But I intend, as long as I'm a member of this body, to use this platform and this forum to bring before the state, to the extent that I can, these types of issues and let those people know, who think they have a friend nowhere, they have at least a voice in the Legislature. And I intend to raise it every time I have an opportunity. So what I think I'm going to do, in keeping with what I stated earlier, Mr. Speaker, I want to withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, other amendments to the committee amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. The next amendment I have is by Senator Witek. Senator Witek's amendment...Senator, it's FA369, striking Section 21.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, yes.