

lose heart, you quit and you say what's the use, it cannot be done. That's because you did not understand the nature of the problem you were grappling with. You did not count up the costs. You were not in the race to run it to the end. You thought the race would go to the swift, and if you were running ten yards, perhaps that would be the case, but when it's a marathon you have to have strength, determination, you have to pace yourself and, therefore, while others fall beside you and behind you like flies...Senator Schimek, many former colleagues of mine have long ago retired to the stone orchard, you all call it the cemetery, and they cursed me under their breath and cursed me in their hearts, I know that, but they're dead and I'm not. Does that mean, as Jesus said...well, Jesus didn't say it but somebody asked the question, why do the wicked grow old and prosper? Now, I'm growing old, but I'm not prospering, so I don't have the qualifications for wickedness, but as I look around this Chamber, and I'm not going to call any names, there are people more qualified in that regard than I am. However, as I promised my colleagues this morning and suggested last session, every opportunity I have to raise this issue, this issue of discriminating against people because of their sexual orientation, I'm going to raise it. I will not apologize. I will not hang my head in shame. I will not look down at the floor when somebody approaches me. I'll look anybody in the eye and they'll blink first. Because what I'm doing is right and it's not right because I say it is right. I say it is right because it is right.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBLERS: This is one of those situations where I genuinely believe no words can be uttered which will cause people to vote in the way that I think is appropriate on an amendment such as this. It's time has not come, but it's time will come and I'm going to do everything that I can to prepare the way for it. This Legislature shall not rest. I shall worry and tussle with this Legislature like a hound would with a rag. I'm not going to let go. I'm not going to be discouraged. Madam President, I would like to ask for a call of the house.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.