

that to the Christians. So, if we're going to look at the reality of the situation, which I think we should, all of those nonsensical things will be cast aside, and we'll reduce this to its essence. Employable people should have the opportunity to obtain employment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, in view of how controversial this issue is, I'm frankly surprised that I'm the only one discussing it. Not really. But I must continue. If we would reduce this to its basic elements, we would have a situation where if the attitude of the members in this Legislature, the majority, were to be followed, a person who is gay or lesbian could be denied all employment. Let's say that nobody would hire them because of their sexual orientation. How are they to live? Some of the hard-hearted people say, why is it necessary that they live? Well, not being a religious person, that's not my point of view. I think with Khrushchev, living things do want to go on living. If you don't believe it, if you go to somebody's house and they have these little creatures running around, scavenging in the kitchen when the lights go off, you turn on the light and that will let you know how they behave, that living things want to go on living. Napoleon had caught a mouse one time and the mouse bit him on his thumb, and Napoleon let the mouse go. One of Napoleon's generals told him he would not take that from any other general, so why is he going to take it from this mouse? And Napoleon said he wanted to demonstrate to all his soldiers that whatever creature, no matter how small and weak, who would fight for his life, had a chance to preserve it, and he let the mouse go. If we only had mice in the Legislature, not rats, mice, there would be a chance that we could get something done to benefit people who are being treated unjustly. I wish somebody would stand on the floor and be honest enough to say to us what they are unafraid to say to God, in their secret heart, that they don't believe that people who are homosexuals should have the right to earn a living, that in fact they don't have a right to live. And, see, my colleagues on the floor are cowards toward me, but they're brave toward God. They're afraid to say in my presence how they really feel, but they'll let God know how they feel. So they fear me more than they fear God. That's why it's so hard for me to be humble around here. And no man should have such power. I try to use