

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All of the senators can run home and say, I didn't say anything against homosexuals being able to work. But their silence, their silence speaks louder than anything they would say. And this is the only issue I know that has come before the Legislature which has so intimidated the members that they're afraid to even express openly their opposition to it. You know why they're afraid to express it? Because they know they're morally wrong. They shouldn't take communion, when the little crackers are handed to them by the priest, they should say, oh, I can't eat that. When the wine is offered, they should say, I can't drink that. And then when they're asked why, they should say, because I have sinned grievously. How have you sinned, my child? They go ahead and tell it, say, well, here's what you're going to have to do since you're in the Legislature, it's not enough for you to do these penances, you go and you vote right. You use your vote to see that the principles of social justice are made realities. And there is not a single church on the face of the earth, that I'm aware of, whether Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish, which uniformly is opposed to everybody who is a homosexual, who says that homosexuals have no rights and should have no rights. There are battles going on within all religious organizations because some of those people take seriously this idea that if Jesus died to save everybody, everybody includes homosexuals, but some of them don't believe that. I believe that in this society if jobs are made available, and if there are laws prohibiting discrimination against people in obtaining employment or obtaining the benefits of employment, such as promotion and so forth, nobody should be discriminated against. We should want people to work. You know what the Nazi slogan was, and it gave Jews a false hope? Freedom through labor, freedom through work. If you make yourself of value to the Nazi regime, you can live. But we know that the Nazi's were lying. But they did not misstate a principle, work, labor which is compensated can be a very liberating activity. And we spend so much time talking about creating employment. And when we discuss it separate from the idea of allowing everybody to work, you would have people saying similar things to what I'm saying, that it's a wonderful thing for a person, even if young and going to school, to earn enough money to take care of his or her needs. For a person who is a father, a person who is a mother, for people who are spouses to be able to earn enough to take care of themselves and their families, that is supposedly what America is about. The whole