

Legislature today, Latonia Haney is here from Bellevue who is interning in my office during the holiday break. Will you also stand, Latonia, and be recognized. Senator Avery, Senator Vrtiska, Senator Schellpeper. The question before the body is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 886. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record. Senator Chambers requested a record vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on page 252 of the Legislative Journal.) 4 ayes, 28 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chambers amendment fails. I raise the call.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken on the Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is my fourth opportunity to discuss this issue and I'm going to bring it up every time I have an opportunity, but I will not withdraw it at this point and offer it again on this particular bill, because I need to have a challenge, I need to find other bills that I can attempt to attach this amendment to. But, Senator Witek, I see you smiling over there. Let me, before I go too far, retract what I just said. As I begin to discuss this issue, I may persuade myself that it is important enough for me to withdraw the amendment and then offer it again, so I'm not going to bind myself to that. I need to leave my options open. But again, I'm talking about an amendment which goes to the right of people to earn a living. I didn't realize that we had nurses up in the balcony, but I'm sure...I don't know about any of them, so I'm not making reference to them, I'm sure some of them may be aware of those who deliver medical services who are gay or lesbian. And, I'm wondering if one of my colleagues here happened to be in an accident on the highway and a doctor came along and the person needed medical help administered immediately, and it was a type that only a physician could offer, and they said, Senator so and so, we have a physician here, but he is gay. I wonder if that senator would say, oh no, I don't want the gay person to touch me because it