

and freedom. I didn't realize that there was so much fear and terror of gays. There are people who would not be called young on this floor, and they don't like old people, there are old people who don't like old people. But old people are going to be protected. Old people are protected under this law. Senator Witek and Senator Warner were discussing some provision with reference to not being able to compel people who reach a certain age and certain pursuits to retire. We are protecting people based on gender. I don't know what that means. Maybe that means that you can not discriminate against somebody simply because of their gender. There are a lot of things, if I read in the statutes, and I give those words ordinary popular meanings, I know what they mean, and I understand very well. But, when I watch what the Legislature does I'm not certain what the Legislatures mean when they use those words.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want it to be crystal clear what I mean, when I use words, and the words that I am using today, used yesterday and will continue to use are words that are designed to condemn and criticize the Legislature for being unfair to extend protection to those whom we know discrimination is being directed against. We know it, and yet we do nothing to correct it. That is what disturbs me. If somebody stood on the floor and said, I don't believe there is any discrimination against gays and lesbians, that person then has a position which I cannot assai. It would be my job to overcome that position with information. But, I don't know of anybody who stood on the floor and said, there is no discrimination. So what they are saying is that they are comfortable in the presence of this discrimination even though the stated policy is to be against it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. If I could, I would like to ask my colleague, Senator Chambers, a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LANDIS: Because I'm trying to identify what to do about this issue. Senator Chambers, I know that you are an opponent