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SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm glad this is Senator Abboud's bill and not Senator Witek's. Senator Witek has no understanding whatsoever of what it is I'm talking about. I don't know whether there's a dodo bird somewhere who comes and pipes this stuff in one side of her head and it goes out the other ear or out of her mouth, not making as much sense as it did when the dodo put it in, but nevertheless, it has no relationship whatsoever to what I'm talking about. She can talk about the Cutshalls, she can talk about the Lindbergh baby, and I will tell anybody why it is I'm saying what I say. That's why I keep saying it's for the record. If, and I'm going to say it again, it is sheer irrationality, sheer irrationality to take a nonsexual act and use it as a basis for labeling somebody a violent sexual offender. As a matter of fact, it's stupid. So to run around here talking about some people who testified before the committee or somebody launched a national campaign and you have to do it for them, that's crazy. We are a Legislature. We are not doing what legislators do simply because somebody in some other state had a child who was kidnapped and killed. As bad as that is, that's not what we're talking about. If a child is kidnapped and murdered, that doesn't make the person guilty of committing a sexual act. Maybe some of these sexual acts that Senator Pirsch was talking about would be done to manifest power. So you could say and be correct, some sexual crimes are committed as a manifestation of power over a person, but you cannot say that every act which is committed with the intent to exercise power over a person is a sexual act. You cannot say that false imprisonment is a sexual act, that kidnapping is a sexual act. But you can say that rape, in some instances, has more involved in it that relate to asserting power over a person than it does trying to obtain sexual gratification. The fuzzy thinking, the inability to separate the political posturing from the detached consideration we ought to give when we are enacting legislation often results in very bad, embarrassing legislation being enacted. If you have an offense which could be sexual in nature or is not sexual in nature, or done for a sexual purpose or not done for a sexual purpose, the person could be deemed a sexual offender, a violent sexual offender for having committed the act for a nonsexual purpose. I could tell you that if you don't have sex with me