

to go contrary to things I've heard about these people being untreatable, that they have got this abnormality, it's in their genes and chromosomes, God created them that way, there's nothing that can be done to change them, so they are forever doomed. They are doomed and damned forever in this world and in the world to come. And that is so reprehensible and abhorrent to me as a way to categorize and judge people and condemn them forever that I cannot support a bill like this which attempts to do that. And people can say all they want to this is for Jill Cutshall, or whoever else they are giving the bill to. It has no impact on me. As we say in the street, it cuts no ice with me. I'm against the bill. I will vote against it. I will work with Senator Abboud to see what amendments we can arrive at that would take some of the negative aspects of the bill away. And I think it should be kept in mind before you listen to these people who get on their hobby horse like Senator Pirsch and Senator Witek, that the things they're saying are so essential were not a part of the bill. They're things that the federal government said, hey, you suckers better put this in the bill. So all of a sudden now it becomes her cause. And without this, the bill is of no value. It's not the same. It doesn't have the worth, yet it was not a part of the bill. It was not a part...the federal government said put it in there. So when you can see people adapt their strong, moral indignation to what the federal government ordered them this morning they had better put into a bill, then it gives you a basis for judging and evaluating the significance of their moral indignation. If the federal government said you don't have to do it, they're not longer morally indignant about it. But if the government said you better do it, then their moral indignation awakens and they take the flame. This is so preposterous, so preposterous. But I'm accustomed to it and I say again, I'm glad that the bill was sponsored by Senator Abboud and not Senator Witek. Sometimes, well, there was a book, a story, but it was a book called Tristram Shandy, and it was written by a guy whose last name was Sterne, I think, with an E on the end of it. And you ought to read that book. It's supposed to be deep and profound, but even without looking for profound messages in it, it's kind of a funny book and it's written in a, in my opinion, a unique manner. Senator Witek would fit right in there among those characters. Sometimes I can work with her, and sometimes she makes sense, but then there are other times...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.