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using the wrong language with him. But the problem is, I don't know what it is he understood because although I was quoting his language, I don't know what it was that I said. The point is very clear, I think, that I'm trying to make. If there are people on this floor who will stand up and say for the record that they believe we should put into the law a nonsexual offense as a basis for having somebody labeled a dangerous sexual offender, I will say that that person is a political fool, a political fool. We have such a hard time legislating in a responsible manner when we're dealing with senators who are more terrified of the federal government than they are concerned about the integrity of our legislative process. With twenty-five votes you can put anything on the books that you want. And the vote... I will be the only dissenting vote because I read, because I think, because I'm concerned about what it is we put into the law. I think when young people, old people, and middle-aged people go to law school to learn about the law, and they come across statutory language of the kind I'm trying to amend but which Senator Abboud would probably resist, they will say, this is the kind of law that ought to be in one of those fillers where they talk about the idiotic laws that legislators pass. Like saying if you don't hitch your horse to a hitching post after 6:00 p.m., then you commit a felony and there are no longer horses or hitching posts and that stays on the books, and it becomes a source of mockery and jest. This is far more serious. I don't care what the federal government says. I don't care how intimidated various members on the floor might be. I'm going to announce in advance that I'm going to do everything I can to stop this bill if my language is not adopted. And that can be considered petulant, it can be considered contrary, or whatever, but I would rather just consider it "Erniesque". That is my amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll answer any questions that you have. And I'm going to begin drafting my amendments now.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I will rise in opposition to the Chambers amendment and I...for many reasons. During the course of this bill, I've become much more familiar with a lot of the language that's being used. For one thing,