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it's not important, why didn't he just let it go? What difference does it make? I'd like to ask Senator Tyson a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Tyson, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR TYSON: Maybe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Tyson, is it your belief that if we recognize the existence of females by using feminine pronouns in the constitution, women will, thereby, gain rights that currently you feel they don't have and should not have under the constitution?

SENATOR TYSON: Under the constitution, the constitution, itself, is gender neutral and I possess no right that they do not possess.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're not answering the question. Let me phrase it...

SENATOR TYSON: I didn't intend to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me phrase it in a more direct, simple manner. When I put too many elements in it, they can sometimes confuse individuals, especially if it is a one-ideal individual. Senator Tyson, do you feel that, if we were to add to the constitution the amendment which is being proposed, that women will, thereby, gain rights which currently they do not have?

SENATOR TYSON: Well, number one, we are not adding anything to the constitution. We are altering a usage in the constitution. But, do I feel they will gain a right they do not already have? Is that your question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR TYSON: No, I don't think they will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think a person, who is a human being, has a right to have his or her personhood acknowledged in the laws and the constitution?