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opposed nay. Members, we're voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. If you care to vote, please do so. We are voting on the committee amendments. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Next item on the bill.

CLERK: Thank...excuse me, Mr. President. Senator Chambers would move to amend, FA1160. (Legislative Journal page 543.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want you all to know that this is a serious amendment. It is an amendment of substance and I would advise you to pay attention. It's on your gadget. But if you turn to page 2 of the green bill, you will see, in line 3, this language: "The governing body of any county may." My amendment would insert, after "county," "which has adopted a resolution that prohibits discrimination in county employment based on sexual orientation." Then you would continue: "may after a public hearing," do all of these things that are being authorized. Whenever a county, a city, a village, any entity comes in here and I'm aware of it in time, I'm going to put on what...or offer what I will call the Chambers rider to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. This is an issue that deserves to be debated by this Legislature, and there have been efforts to prevent it from being debated. I offered a bill which would relate directly to this issue, but the forces of evil, as I view them, may have been able to persuade enough committee members, where the bill was heard, that it should not be presented to the body. So, on important issues, those who strongly believe in that issue will adopt, as a mantra, I shall