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hear the words spoken about how fair-minded Nebraskans are, how generous Nebraskans are, how compassionate Nebraskans are. I'm not appealing to compassion, I'm not appealing to generosity, but I am appealing to fair-mindedness. The question, as I've told my colleagues on the Business and Labor Committee and I've said to anybody with whom I'm having a discussion on this subject, the question that resolves all other questions for me is the following: Is this individual a human being? And my answer, unequivocally, is yes. Such being the case, that human being is entitled to proper treatment as every other human being, and we don't do it because we're compassionate toward that person but because we have some respect for ourselves and the principles we espouse. Somebody has got to stand up and make a play for...a plea for justice, common decency, and I'm willing to do that, and the best and most appropriate place to do it is on the floor of the Legislature, because we have the power and the obligation to eliminate unjust discrimination. Religious people want to drag religion into it. This has nothing to do with religion. This has to do with people who are either residents of this state or citizens of this state and, as such, they're entitled to protection. People who speak against this bill when I've offered it in the form of a bill, people who will speak against the amendment will not say that they believe in discrimination. No, that is too honest and those words condemn them, so they tap-dance around the issue. If it's a male senator, he tap-dances around it like Fred Astaire. If it's a female, she tap-dances around it like Ginger Rogers. But in either case, it's pussyfooting on the part of male and female who adopt that unjust attitude. And, as I've said about others, you could stretch a keyboard from the Atlantic...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Coast to the Pacific Coast and they would dance from coast to coast on that keyboard without striking a note, they are such pussyfooters. I wonder, as I've said before, about these prayers that are offered every morning, and I don't hear these people when they end it say in the name of the Father, who is the father of everybody except somebody whose sexual orientation is different, the Son, who died for all human beings who are sin cursed except those whose sexual orientation