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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I will not wear out on this issue and, I will be honest, I'm going to try to grind down the opposition, I'm going to try to wear down the opposition to the point where I can at least get that bill out here for a discussion. There is nothing that I stand to gain from that bill being enacted. No group has asked me to do this. No individual has asked me to do this. I don't need somebody to come to me and say, Ernie, will you do this and so. I've had people who thanked me for being willing to do it year after year. But if I walked into a room and a person had a terrible look on his or her face and a blood curdling scream was being emitted, and I saw that this person's hand was smashed under a heavy weight which he or she could not lift, I would lift the weight. It doesn't have to be on me. I don't have to feel the pain within my corporeal being to understand what pain is when it's being suffered by another person. It doesn't take nobility to do what I'm doing. It does not take nobility for people to vote for an amendment such as I'm offering, or the bill that I have touched on. It simply means that, as elected officials, we view all of the citizens of this state as those who are entitled to the protection of the law, and when there is an evil being inflicted on those people, not because they've committed a crime or violated any principle of society, those people are entitled to the protecting arm and hand of the government. I am a part of the government. There might be some question as to whether or not I am a full-fledged member of the human race, because down through the years people have said that those of my derivation and ancestry are not completely human. But it's funny how those in the groups that have often been branded as less than human are those who spend so much time trying to humanize those who are so much more morally superior, so much better. Now, what difference does it make to me what anybody's sexual orientation is? It's not any of my business. It's not any of my concern. People should keep their noses out of other people's crotches. They should keep their ears away from the doors of people's bedrooms. They should keep their eyes away from the keyholes of those locked doors behind which adults are free to do whatever they want to with other consenting adults. So this is one of those proposals