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hindered in the right to earn a living by way of unjust discrimination, the state must step in and, pursuant to its already declared policy in law, erect a protective barrier between those people and the unjust discrimination. That barrier says, in the same way that the seashore talks to the ocean,...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have an amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend his amendment by striking the word "resolution" and inserting the word "ordinance." (FA1164, Legislative Journal page 558.)

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the purpose of this amendment is to put the underlying amendment that I have up there in proper form. Cities and villages enact ordinances, not resolutions. When I first drafted this amendment to mess with another bill, we were talking about counties, and counties adopt resolutions. So this amendment is designed to replace the word "resolution" with the appropriate word, which is "ordinances" or "ordinance." I was talking about erecting a barrier to protect people from unjust discrimination and the purpose of every barrier, whether it be a dam to stop water, whether it be a fence to enclose cattle on the inside, keep rustlers on the outside, whether it's a wall around a prison to keep the prisoners in, and those who love prison so much that they would try to break in, keep them out. The purpose of all of those barriers is to give one message and one message only--this far shall you come and no farther. That's what the seashore says to the ocean. With all of its roaring, with all of its awesome power, it reaches that shore and the shore can tell it that--this far and no farther. I say you can hate people because of their sexual orientation, you can refuse to associate with people because of their sexual orientation, you can criticize people because of their sexual