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on sexual orientation may at any time, through action of its board of directors and without requiring any action of its stockholders, issue and sell its capital notes or debentures." They are being given, in this bill, these bankers, something that they want. There is something that I want from this Legislature. There is something I want from this society. And this bill, along with others, are going to give me an opportunity to try to procure what I want, in the same way that others use bills to try to procure from this Legislature what they want. I am not going to try to derail this bill. Bankers are not my favorite people. But if I was going to go after them, I would do it frontally, and not in this fashion. So whoever bill this is, the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee, I don't want them to worry about me hindering their bill. Why do I think bankers, banks, should have a policy prohibiting discrimination based on employment? Because I think that ought to be the policy of this state. And we could do it with one bill. Rather than piecemeal it in the way I'm doing it, or attempting to do it, we could take a bill, which has already been drafted, which has already had a hearing, we could take that bill, bring it out here, and you could be rid of me on this issue, in the same way that the unjust judge rid himself of that persistent poor old widow. Let me have the opportunity, and save yourselves some time by helping me get that bill to the floor. There are two ways it can be done, only one of which would be necessary. You can look in your roster of senators at the makeup of the Business and Labor Committee. When a motion was made to advance that bill, four voted no, two voted yes, one abstained. If we could get that abstainer to vote yes, and one of the others who voted no, the bill could be out here. You all should talk to your colleagues and let them know that the issue is of sufficient import to be debated by the Legislature on the floor of the Legislature on its own merits, rather than delivering into my hands, for whatever period of time I choose to take, individual bills. I will use other bills throughout the session, as I promised to do some days ago. Any bill that requests something from the Legislature...and which one does not...is amenable to an amendment like this. All this amendment is saying is that in exchange for the "quid" that you're asking for from the Legislature, there's got to be a "pro quo" which you must give back, which means, no discrimination in employment