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based on sexual orientation. I don't mind doing this on every bill. My good friend Senator Foley will have a bill or two out here that might be amenable to this amendment. And it would be poetic justice if it could be added to one of Senator Foley's bills. I do not consider anything to be beyond the realm of possibility. I'm not talking about probability or likelihood. We never know when somebody may be struck by a bolt of lightning and have their whole way of looking at life adjusted. But on the chance that Senator Foley's bill may not be the one I can attach this amendment to, I've got to look for other bills. Whether or not this amendment is adopted today on LB 217, whether or not it is adopted today on LB 429E is of no great moment to me. I am going to hammer and hammer. I am going to wear and grind away, Senator Cudaback, until I see some change in the body's attitude. I would ask, if I chose to bring him into the discussion, young Senator Friend, whose name invites you to get him into the discussion, ... Friend. What is a friend? We all know what is a friend is. But greater love hath no man or woman than that he or she would lay down his or her life for a friend. Would you lay it down for the friend who sits among us, whose name is Friend? Or do you look around this Chamber and you see others on whom you would attach that label? Whether or not that is the case, I will say this. If people are ground down, if there is an erosion in their opposition, we will see some movement in the right direction. I would ask young Senator Friend, what, other than steel or metal, is harder than stone? What softer than water? But water, soft water, that which we drink, that which makes up the majority of our body, that which makes up the majority of the Earth, accomplishes the eroding of stone. Go get an atlas, or a geography book, and find a picture of the Grand Canyon. And look at that marvel, that magnificent work of nature, and realize that it was not created by the dropping of atomic bombs. It was not created by lightning flashing, creating a disturbance in the earth and causing the earth to separate and create a long chasm that we know as the Grand Canyon. No. It was soft, patient water that cut through that stone and created the Grand Canyon. Now, I take the inspiration from the widow in terms of not giving up, though I might be faced with unjust people in their attitude. I will take a lesson from the Colorado River to learn...