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pulling that bill from committee. And I do not believe in leaving anything to chance. I'm not going to mention any particular card game. But let's say the best hand you could have would be a series of five cards, and I've got four of them. Well, if I'm kind of bold and daring, maybe I will try to take the game with those four. Or if I'm very careful and experienced, I'll wait until I get that fifth card. Well, I don't think the fifth card has been dealt yet. I don't even think the fourth card has been dealt yet. So it's necessary for me to continue, so that I can point out the importance of this issue and the wisdom of our discussing it in the context of a specific bill. But this motion that I'm making on the bill before us is germane to this bill, because it's setting out a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... requirement and a qualification on these institutions. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Maxwell. On with discussion of the motion to return to Select File. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to do as I said some lawyers do, tie it all in, I think I will do that. We are talking here, in the existing language of the bill...forget, if you're looking at the section I'm talking about, the underlined language, because all that says is "as defined in section 8-701". The existing law would allow a board of directors, without requiring any action of the stockholders, to issue and sell its capital notes or debentures. And what I am saying is that before such authority is granted by this Legislature, there is something the Legislature can demand of these institutions. And the demand being made by my amendment is that they not discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation. That's the least that we can ask for. I don't believe I would have more than ten people, if that many, who would raise their hand yes, meaning yes, if I asked the question, do you believe in unjustly discriminating against people in employment? Some would be honest enough to say, sure, I believe in that. I have always believed in it, I will always