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of his might, hoping to crush the gnat. But, instead, the gnat flew to safety and the bull was rendered unconscious. Never underestimate the power of a determined gnat, and never overestimate the power of a bull. This issue I want to discuss a bit more before I turn it loose, and I haven't been persuaded by what Senator Erdman told me in terms of this definition not including the language...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that I'm trying to add. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA1187, offered by Senator Chambers. Open for discussion. Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I need to clarify to you that it's not the department that is saying that we don't need this or we don't want this, and that was not the question that you asked me. Your question was what I thought or what my position was after having discussions, and my position would be that it would be in the best interest of both of our sides, regardless of what reasons that is, to strike the language that includes "relative" from the bill. By doing that, it allows the current practice that's in place, where those individuals are being placed, those children, those foster care individuals are being placed into the homes based on existing standards. And I think that the uniqueness, I guess, about this situation is there actually isn't discrimination in the process. There actually isn't proof to show that there is a discrimination against individuals based on whatever set of guidelines that you would have in other classifications. We actually have situations in the state of Nebraska where those individuals are placed not based on activities, actions, "predisposures" of individuals. It's based on the fact that the individuals are being placed based on the best interest of the child. So my comment to you would be that we can accomplish the same goal by striking the "relative" language out of the bill, which doesn't preclude them, but it doesn't...it is not necessary for the purpose of