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concern I have that was to be addressed by my amendment relative to sexual orientation.

SENATOR RAIKES: So this would, in fact, ease your troubled mind, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mais oui. Yes, it would.

SENATOR RAIKES: Generally, I would be opposed to something like that. Yeah, I could be encouraged, coerced, whatever, to go along. It does seem to me there's a certain amount of appropriateness to if you're going to use relative, the phrase or the term "relative," to decide whether or not you take this path or that path, you ought to say what "relative" is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator...

SENATOR RAIKES: But if we don't need it, we don't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Raikes, I'm not...this is not my suggestion. It was Senator Frdman's offer, and I just wanted to see what your thinking was about the offer. And his...included in his offer was the notation or observation that my concern relative to sexual orientation would be eliminated at the same time because there is no new definition of "relative" being placed in the statute. But, anyway, that's all I will ask you. You...if you have further words, I'll let you do it on your time, because mine will run out, although I can put my light on one more time. Here's what I have to say is being demonstrated this morning. How much fear the term "sexual orientation" conjures up on the floor of this Legislature. A few days ago, when I was discussing this subject, I had said that if you hooked people up to a machine and just said the term "sexual orientation," that machine would register a reaction because of how people feel about that term, and the discussion this morning demonstrates that. Rather than have a definition of "relative," which would include a prohibition against disqualifying somebody from that definition based on sexual orientation, the definition itself is to be jettisoned. Doesn't that show the power that that term has to dictate the activities of this Legislature? And the very demonstration this morning underscores why I will