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religious, so again I am going by what the religious people who know have said. So all of these people who were ill with every imaginable sickness would be clustered around this pool, and those who could not move themselves had friends, and there was great joy and humor in heaven as they watched these wretched human beings clustered around this pool trying to see who could get in it first after the water was troubled by the angel. Well, there was one guy who was very clever. His friend was a quadriplegic. So he built up a catapult device so that he would put the person in this big bucket and he had this rope that was tied to the ground. And when he cut that rope, it would release the catapult and his friend would be arched like a free throw over everybody else and land in the pool. So he thought he was smart but he didn't realize he was dealing with a higher power. So he tried to time it. He couldn't wait until the water was actually troubled or he'd obviously be too late. But then he got a sensing that the angel is about to trouble the water, and he was almost correct because he cut the rope and his friend was launched. And as the friend flew through the air, lo and behold, the angel did trouble the water. But somebody else who was right beside the pool managed to shuffle enough to stick the tip of the big toe in the water and that person was healed. And what happened to the person who was flying through the air? Dunked in the water and drowned. That's what happened because he didn't get in the water quickly enough after it was troubled. So when I say I'm going to trouble the water, it means I'm going to create a disturbance, that I am not going to leave everything easy, smooth and friendly like everybody wants it to be. I want to call this piece of legislation what it is in my opinion. It is a travesty. It is a monument to the Legislature's cowardice. It is a memorialization of legislative perfidy. But it is a tribute to Senator Brashear's ability to represent the interests that he feels most in tune with. He is in tune with people who dress like he does; comb their hair perfectly, not a hair out of place. They have a coif, or is it coiffure? Their clothes match when they put them on. They don't wear big suits where they had those big old puffy shoulders sticking out. They're kind of tailored to go with the body that's going to be in the suit. And the necktie and the shirt agree. They're not like Senator Byars standing over there with his collar,...