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doctor-shopping so that he could feed his drug habit. I don't want students to have to go through that. I want there to be a clear-cut methodology available. I don't believe Senator Foley or anybody else who said we should refer these youngsters to the phone book had looked in the phone book about these matters until they thought it would serve as an argument. But, as Senator Schimek pointed out, that is a thin and flimsy read to base an argument upon. These kind of people whom Senator Foley otherwise would condemn, such as Dr. Carhart, now becomes the voice of truth, wisdom, and morality. He doesn't like Dr. Carhart, doesn't trust Dr. Carhart, but he says the young woman should open the phone book and run right to Dr. Carhart for this information. There should be a place that the Legislature establishes where credible, accurate information can be procured. Otherwise, we should strike the language in Senator Foley's amendment and say that the young women ought to go to the yellow pages. That's what he's saying. I don't think he realizes how foolish that sounds. I got some phone calls and people told me. That's why I'm glad we got these cameras that send to everybody who's willing to listen what it is we say and they can see just how simpleminded some of us are and the silliness that we bring forth on this floor, and then they begin to understand why young people have no respect for us. We got young people sitting in the front. It's all they can do to keep from showing whatever they feel like showing based on being told if you don't know something and you need to find it out, go to the phone book. How do they even know what to look for in the phone book? I was listening to a feature on the radio, it must have been public radio, maybe it was television; and they were talking about the most foolish directions that are found on products. One of them said, it was on a drain cleaner, if you cannot read or understand these directions, do not use this product. Okay, so I pick this can up and I can't read, and I use it for the wrong purpose. They'd say, well, fool, we told you, if you can't read, don't use the product. Isn't that something like a contradiction in terms? That's how this society operates, and to the extent that I can, I'm going to prevent this Legislature from making a fool, a collective fool, of itself. I don't care what anybody's religion is or where it tells them to go. It's not my religion. And on this floor I'm not interested in salvation. I'm interested in legislation.