

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

January 12, 2004 LB 172

God has got nothing to do with what happens in this Legislature, and he certainly has nothing to do with the conduct of those who holler and squall the loudest about believing. The poor get the back of the hand. Single-parent families presided over by women are deprived of medical coverage for themselves and their children by this so-called Christian Legislature that mouths its prayers every morning. Then I'm supposed to have my attitude on these bills determined by what somebody says a cultish, dogmatic view is? Dogmas are for thoughtless puppies. It has no impact on me whatsoever, except to serve warning to me of the fact that I'm going to deal with somebody or some bodies who are not going to be logical, who will not listen to reason, therefore, I must deal with them on that basis. And we are going to take plenty of time on this bill and others and we will see if I wear out before my colleagues wear out. Now, if there's some of you all who can talk to Senator Schimek and get enough votes to put a sensible amendment in place, you will not have me opposing you like I am now. I'm not against everything that can be done. I'm against the foolishness that is found in Senator Foley's bill, and I resent Julie Schmit-Albin skulking around here, trying to be some kind of model when all she is, is a "felonist." You all don't like that, do you? I've heard you criticize other people who commit crimes. You've talked from articles about crimes that people have committed. Senator Landis read from a paper about some crimes committed by people. Why does she get a free pass? Didn't you-all's Jesus tell you where much is known much is required? Isn't that what your Jesus told you? Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say? Why do you all get so quiet? Because she runs you? Then tell her don't commit crimes. If you don't want your friends criticized like this, tell them do not commit felonies and I will not talk about them. And even if they do commit felonies, do not hold themselves up as paragons of virtue and righteousness. Acknowledge that they're flawed, that they have feet of clay, that they do things that are wrong. Temptation sits on their front door and they invite temptation in and they sit down and have dinner, then they yield to temptation. Admit it. Then I'll say, well, you're like the majority of people on this planet. But when you're going to tell me, I'm pristine pure, I talk to God, I see Mary, I'm the holy one, then you better walk like what you say you are.