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for a fireman to go into a building if life is the highest value. We have to call our men and women back from Iraq because they have no business being there, and we certainly have no business sending them if life is the highest value. Then they are risking their lives for things of lesser value and morally you can't do that. We need to reject the sacrifices of men and women in World War II, who gave their lives, because if life is the highest value, then they dare not risk their lives within that conflict. And then we would say, as we continue that moral discussion, well, if they didn't risk their lives there, then we would be in slavery. So be it. If life is the highest value, then we should be subjugated. We don't consider life the highest value. That's not in any way...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...diminishing the value of life. It is a way of building life. I would give my life to, if I could have done it, to protect Doug from his injury, and all of us have ways in which we're willing to risk our lives. MLK fund services. I've attended ten hours of them. Again and again it was said they're men and women, white and black, who gave their lives so you can vote. They put their life on the line. How dare you sit at home on election day. Again, the value of life can be lifted if all of us recognize that its attached values are raised. It can be increased if we would talk to each other instead of shouting at each other, if we could recognize that as we lift up the value of life we are lifting the whole boat, the whole structure, and not get into a debate that cancels out everything using this moral...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...principle as a club, a political club, over others. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Before going to the next speaker and while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 220. Senator Stuhr.