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**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schimek isn't in this alone, and there are other people who feel as Senator Schimek does. I don't know if anybody feels as strongly as I do, but I've heard people express an opinion similar to that of Senator Schimek's amendment. But other people are not willing to stand on the floor. The heart gets taken out of them and they cannot persevere. Senator Foley got 38 votes the other day, so he feels pretty powerful. He realized that he had gotten slapped down by Senator Bourne about being a "one-idead" person on the hate crimes bill, so he bailed out on that one and left it alone. That's where he was talking about an unborn child. He's a politician. Do you know how things work in a Legislature like this? Senators don't make a great deal of money, so they try to get a job with a company that will allow them to take time off and sit in the Legislature. But one thing that Senator is not going to do, if he or she wants to maintain the job, is to become controversial. So they take safe positions. And if a position becomes controversial, that senator might take his name off a bill. That's not unheard of. They do it. Besides the church, the most conservative institution in a society is the bank. Next to that would probably be a public power district. And if somebody was working in one of these positions and constantly took positions that represented a church and brought about negative attention, a corporation of whatever variety is not going to keep somebody in its employ who rocks the boat. The boat rocker could be ever so right, but corporations want nonboat rockers. And you know what's amazing to me? When I'm speaking loud and with forcefulness, there is a buzz throughout the Chamber. But then when I touch on an issue that seems to be coming close to home, you see how quiet it gets. People love what they deem scandal. They love what they deem gossip. But they also know the truth when they hear it, and they have seen the truth in action, but the only one who will speak it consistently is me, and I'll continue to do it. The Legislature is like a debating forum and we can bring up any issue, as we do, and we can discuss any issue based on our approach to things, as we do. I'm not going to fail to discuss issues of this kind. Every time they are brought up, I will be there. If the issue