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member, the Secretary of State is a member. Everybody who comes before that board is likely to have run afoul of the criminal justice system. In a lot of those cases, the Attorney General's Office will have prosecuted that person. Why then should the Attorney General be allowed to rule on whether or not a person he or she prosecuted should receive clemency or a pardon? That has been done by way of the constitution. Maybe they could create a board that would have the Attorney General--I shudder--and the Governor and somebody else. But speaking of the Attorney General, he's gone to Washington, D.C. He's gone...he's off his rocker. With all of the problems we have here in Nebraska, we have water issues and we have a \$151 million judgment against the state, and he's traipsing off to Washington, D.C., because he got his nose in other people's crotches. What difference does it make to him if a woman wants to marry a woman or a man wants to marry a man? I believe that's what he went to Washington to inquire into. So he wants to go there and show how backward the state of Nebraska is. And they'll listen to him and they'll say, uh-huh, yeah, buddy, I understand why your state is exactly like what it is, because they've made you their Attorney General. Jon Bruning is a likeable young chap, but he often speaks without thinking. He made the demeaning statement that if same-sex marriages are allowed, what's next, a person is going to marry a chair or a dog? Well, he shouldn't put his propensities and predilections onto other people. If he wants to marry a chair, go get the chair, and don't tell people you're married to it. Sit in it every time you want to, caress it when you want to, kiss it when you want to, do whatever you want to, to it, but don't presume that because you want to marry a chair everybody else does. Michael Jackson sang a song about Billie Jean.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In that song, if you listen to it, Michael Jackson says "the chair is not my son." Well, a chair shouldn't be anybody's son. So maybe Jon Bruning has been listening too much...to too much Michael Jackson and taking it to heart. But there might be a different and better way to structure this board that will review, and maybe the whole process can be massaged by the Legislature. But this amendment that I'm