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between whom. That's not the government's business, but it's these fanatical zealots' self...I have to select my word carefully...no, not appointed, self-claimed responsibility. If they are having problems in their marriages, prohibiting other people from marrying is not going to solve their problems. And maybe if they'd spend more time looking after their own marriages, they wouldn't have time to be concerned about other people's marriages, other people's domestic tranquility. Who am I to say that Mr. A and Mr. B are not entitled to the thrill of marriage and the agony of divorce? I am a divorced man. I was married. I don't know why anybody wants to marry anybody of any gender, but people are free to do what they want to. But these meddling, busybody hypocrites gall me. If they were as concerned about other matters that are indeed problematic for society as they are about meddling in other people's personal lives, this country would be a lot further down the road to a more civilized, gentle, compassionate society. But he sits up there, the Attorney General who Senator Smith claims is his friend, sits up there in front of the camera trying to get photo opportunities for when he runs for Governor. That's what he's interested in doing. But now to bring what I'm saying back to the motion that is before us and the deliberations before the Appropriations Committee, if you all put some additional money into the Attorney General's budget, I'm going to fight you on that. And if somebody has a bill to put more people in the Attorney General's Office, I'm going to fight that bill. This Attorney General doesn't need that. He is the moral police...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for the country. You said time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So if he's got time to be traipsing to the U.S. Senate to tell them to amend the U.S. Constitution, he doesn't need anybody else in his office. It would just give him more leisure time to do the things that are not a part of his duties, and I will not agree to give him money for that purpose. But this amend...this motion definitely should be adopted, even though I haven't backslidden enough to vote for it myself.