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SENATOR CUDABACK: I said one minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you. Well, the constitution doesn't talk about dots, but it talks about people, talks about persons. And they want to say a dot is a person, but a gay person is not a person, is a nonperson, worst than a person; a lesbian woman is not a person. They're people to me. And you know what makes my job so much easier than you "Chrishians'" job is? All I have to be convinced of is that I'm talking about a human being and that resolves every difficulty for me. Every human being is entitled to every right and privilege and protection that the constitution and laws of this country provide. I'm not even going into religion. I'm going to keep it on the human level where we have flawed human beings passing these laws, and they want their religion protected. Senator Friend wants his religion protected and that is voluntary conduct.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Time? It's 10:45, Mr. President. Oh, you mean my time is up?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Your time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Withdraw that motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: That motion, bracket motion, is withdrawn for AM1025. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Stuhr amendment, AM1025, to LB 689A. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Friend.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, friends all. I didn't have my light on. I wasn't going to speak on this bill, but I do feel compelled to reply to my colleague, Senator Chambers, relative to the reason that I voted the way that I did in Judiciary Committee. As I explained when I was on the Business and Labor Committee and voted against this bill, I do not believe that gay people are losing employment in Nebraska because of their sexual orientation. I still am challenged to see how many people have been refused a job strictly because