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by a priest who may also be a thief, but that remains to be seen. The archdiocese has decided to be mum; they're not talking about it. How could such a thing happen? One hundred fifty thousand dollars disappears. If the priest stole it, what will his excuse be? He'll raise his eyes to the skies, he'll clasp his hands before his breast and get a soulful look on his face and say, the devil made me do it. You know how it could happen? If the big guy's eye is on the sparrow, if the congregation's eyes are on the prize, who is keeping an eye on the money? Nobody. So the dish runs away with the spoon. The money takes legs and runs away. When you all bring religion in here, I'm going to bring it in here, too, and let you know that these people who are always pontificating and being judgmental about others and suggesting that you should discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation need to look at some of these people who wear backward collars and robes and spend all their time preaching and telling other people how to live their lives; who may get in a little box with a grillwork, and have you come in there and tell him the wrong things you've done,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and he's going to forgive you and he's a thief. What did Jesus say about gay and lesbian people? Nothing. Jesus didn't condemn gay and lesbian people and they existed and they have always existed. And Jesus came to bring you all a new way. And some people will say, well, Paul, the "Imposter," had some very negative things to say. You all don't believe in what Paul, the "Imposter," said. Paul said, slaves obey your master for this is right and pleasing in the sight of God. Your constitution goes contrary to what Paul said. You don't believe everything Paul said unless it's convenient. Paul said a bishop should be the husband of one wife. What does the Catholic Church says...say? Bishop can't marry anybody. They disregard it. But when it's convenient to attack a group of vulnerable people, they say, well, Paul didn't like it. There are a lot of things Paul didn't like. Paul is not even your God, I don't think.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.