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SENATOR CHAMBERS: You have confidence, if I understood you correctly, in a general policy statement or position articulated by UNL that makes you think there would be no discrimination against gay and lesbian people tolerated by the university. Is that the sense of the statement you made earlier?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I stated that they already have a policy concerning personal characteristics, which is a very broad scope, and I do have confidence in the fact that that is their policy. Now you may have a question about whether that policy is at all times carried out but then that's to be dealt with on an individual basis, I would think.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you saying that to mean that you intend to vote against this amendment?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think it's an unnecessary amendment so I'll either vote against it or not vote at all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: H'm. Then this bill becomes more and more sinister, in my view. I'm going to have to try to handle the bill in a way to persuade my colleagues that if they want to get what they're after, they're going to give me some of what I'm after. Can you speak with the same degree of confidence, Senator Don Pederson, about the policies of Creighton?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I don't know the policy of Creighton. I haven't talked to them about that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: When I saw your amendment was the first time that I knew this issue was arising.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. We have one to one so far. You speak with authority about what you believe the university's position is. You can't speak about what Creighton's is. Can you tell me what you think the policy of Boys Town is with reference to this issue?