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by body structure, but many do. I urge that we be open in this and follow the lead of universities and corporations in simply stating that we're not going to judge somebody by the way they look. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President and members of the Legislature, right now in Nebraska they're working on a 50th anniversary celebration for Willa Cather. If people knew at the time she was in Nebraska that she was a lesbian, she would have been run out of this state. She would not be in the Nebraska Hall of Fame if the people who voted for her knew she was a lesbian. She shares a grave site with the woman, now, with whom she spent decades. She has been embraced by the gay and lesbian community. People marvel at her writing, but she had to hide her orientation. She could not have survived in Nebraska had her orientation been revealed, and it should not be that way. If somebody is not harming me, what difference should it make to me how they find happiness as long as they're not harming anybody or hurting anybody? The woman that I married maybe nobody else wanted to marry, but I know that's not true. And I used to have to say, the only woman that I want...the only woman I care about anybody not messing with is the one that I married. Other than that, go for broke. Come this way and get broken. Moving from Willa Cather, I have talked in the past about this man who was known as the Elephant Man. He had this disease where parts of his body would grow outsized and disproportionate, and he was put in a freak show. When he became a man, he would wear this burlap hood that had an eye hole cut in it. His body was misshapen, so he didn't walk like a normal person, as we use that term, or do anything in the way that one who is considered normal would do. They did a movie about him, John Merrick, and he was making his way down the sidewalk and he bumped into a little girl, or something happened, and people started chasing him. And because he had this covering, that incited the mob. So he is running, and I think some little boys had been throwing things at him first. But anyway, they chased him down the street, he ran into what looked like an alley but it was a dead end, and he was closed