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in. And the mob was coming to do whatever they chose to do. And somebody pulled that covering off his face, and people saw him and they shrank back in horror. And he was accustomed to seeing that look in people's face. And he said, and tried to make it intelligible, I am a human being. I am a human being. Why should any of our brothers and sisters have to make that appeal to us? We know that anything born of a man and a woman is a human being. Why will we treat them as less than a human being? Why will we treat them as things and make them feel that they're things? Our job, if we're civilized, if we're refined, if we're educated, should be to bring that understanding to bear that we've accumulated through our education, our experiences,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: our religion if we have that, to cause us to alleviate as much suffering as we can. It should not be a matter of pointing our fingers, looking down our nose at other people, and saying, you're unfit to come here. "Draw not nigh unto me for I am holier than thou." That is a very bad message. Sometimes the best way to obtain converts or adherents to a point of view is to demonstrate by your conduct that you have something that others might find worthy of being looked into. This amendment is not unreasonable, it's not radical. I'm asking that you adopt it. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I looked at this amendment by Senator Chambers and I thought, this is a statement of intention of the state of Nebraska. And my personal view is that we should always intend not to discriminate against anyone, and I think this is a specific one regarding the identity of people on sexual orientation, but it should apply to most anything. I think it's very appropriate that we consider that as a statement of what we, as a state, intend for the various bodies that make up our state government. It's a tragic thing when we do actually discriminate against someone. It means you're setting them out