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SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you. Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm intrigued by Senator Kruse's comments, and it may be a play on words. But Senator Kruse, if you would yield to a question, I would be interested to have your insight.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Kruse, would you yield?

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes. Well, if there's a mike. Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: (Laugh) It works. Senator Kruse, if you have a chance to look at Senator Chambers' amendment, do you see the word "homosexual" in that language?

SENATOR KRUSE: No.

SENATOR ERDMAN: And so you would say that that is realistically...the term that you're using in regards to whether or not it's present in the Bible or not is also not present in Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR KRUSE: That is correct, and we should recognize, appreciate it. This is relating to heterosexual orientation as well as to homosexual orientation. You could take it both.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Could you clarify what you just said about what it applies to and what it doesn't?

SENATOR KRUSE: Sexual orientation would refer to both heterosexual and homosexual orientation.

SENATOR ERDMAN: So your understanding of the definition is that it would apply to either someone who is heterosexual, someone who is homosexual. And yet, Senator Chambers and others have said that it would apply to only those who are...I'm sorry, they haven't said that, they have inferred that it applies to those who are homosexual. Is that...withdraw that question. That's not accurate. I...making sure that I'm...

SENATOR KRUSE: Yeah.

SENATOR ERDMAN: All right. Thank you, Senator Kruse.