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SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Members of the Legislature, the...again, look, we can play with words all we want to, but the fact that Senator Kruse can get up, and I know that Senator Chambers can quote scripture better than probably any member of the Legislature, and if Senator Tyson were here, he would call him his good Christian brother, and we would have that discussion, but the reality is, is that there are specific things that are outlined as far as what Senator Kruse is not telling you. Is it appropriate, however, to discriminate against those individuals, or, as Senator Landis said, to not shun them? It is not. It is not, and Senator Chambers is right. We should love our neighbor as ourselves. Absolutely, absolutely. But the reality of that line of thinking takes you to a position that shows that love is not disclosing or excluding other things that someone would do. So the scripture that Senator Chambers would quote us would say that if you look back at the examples that were given when Jesus was here, or that he did things within the temple, that he called out people who were hypocrites. Senator Chambers has done that repeatedly on the floor of the Legislature, and I think that we have all gained the idea that we are somewhat hypocrites. But to say that there is something in this amendment that is contrary to what there are specific guidelines and provisions in the Bible is not true. It flat out isn't. But back to the policy at hand, should we adopt on the floor of the Legislature in the budget this public policy decision, only to apply to state agencies, only to apply to those agencies in which the state of Nebraska specifically has authority or to a code agency? Now I'm not sure if this would apply to any entity that receives money, so then it wouldn't reach to those nonprofits that are receiving funding under this. So again, we're not accomplishing the goal that Senator Chambers would like to accomplish. Is that the type of piecemeal idea we want to have? And maybe it's an incrementalism idea. Maybe this is a best that you can get and maybe that's what you want to go for. I think that's inappropriate. I've introduced bills that have gone to committees that have gotten killed. Senator Foley has talked about some on social issues. I have other public policy issues I'd loved to see addressed. Senator Raikes and