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the Education Committee keeps killing bills that I introduce. I would love to see a prohibition in here about discriminating against certain individuals who make a different...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...choice and precluding them from being able to take advantage of the educational opportunities that they have. Not a social issue, okay? But I think it's wholly appropriate that if we're going to go down that, and we're going to make ourselves just like the people in Washington, that this will become a circus. Members of the Legislature, I would encourage you to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment. In regards to the reason that I spoke, I was seeking to clarify Senator Kruse's understanding of the language in the amendment as offered. He understands that it applies to heterosexuals or homosexuals both. There is some confusion about what that leads to. Again, let's think about the policy decision that we're going to make here, because it will have implications on future actions and future decisions that the Legislature will make, maybe this session and maybe into the future. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Landis, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. There were no other lights on. I'm sorry, Senator Landis. Senator Chambers, you are recognized to speak. We do not need to vote on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is a declaration of policy. Senator Erdman and Senator Foley may not be aware of it, but there has been in the budget bills an injunction to the University of Nebraska relative to the hiring and retention of females and minorities. I haven't heard Senator Foley or Senator Erdman speak against that. Budget bills are known to express intent language. That is a way of showing oversight and declaring the