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those relationships or abstain from them voluntarily. So whether a person thinks that an individual chooses a sexual orientation or not, and I don't believe that, but whether they believe that or not, the notion of voluntariness has not prevented the Legislature from passing into the law language to protect them. So I am asking that in this appropriations bill we include language to make it clear that no state agencies are going to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. I don't believe that any entity receiving state money should do that and I'm going to fight on LB 426 to try to get that language taken out of that bill and put back into LB 548. That's where it should be. Senator Jensen has made clear his opposition to protecting people from discrimination which is based on their sexual orientation. What he did was clever, what he did was slick, and what he did tricked me. I wasn't alert to it. I let it get by. I was inattentive. And one of the reason I was inattentive was because of the individual involved. I'm the one who says you have to watch everybody, and I neglected to do that. But once bitten, twice wise. So I have three more years here. I don't know how many Senator Jensen has, but I will watch him a lot more closely. In the past, I had spoken highly of Senator Jensen and the way he carries on his business as the head of the Health and Human Services Committee. Those things that I said at that time I do not take back. I meant every word of it. And if situations had not changed, I would make the same statements and mean every word of them again. But circumstances change, and when circumstances change they alter cases. This is an issue which is not going to go away. The arrangement that I had made on General File was to pull all of my amendments so that the bill could advance, and that was done. So now the bill is before us, LB 425, and I'm offering this amendment. I don't know how much...let me just see how things pan out. But my mood is entirely different now than it was...different from what it was when I was on the road driving down here. I just appreciate the fact that somebody had the decency to alert me to what Senator Jensen had managed to pull off. He didn't tell me, Senator Jensen did not tell me; somebody else did and felt that I should be aware of it, and I will be eternally grateful to that person, who shall remain anonymous. I don't forget people who have befriended me and I don't forget those who have tricked me. So you all should look