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that the state would do well to emulate in this area. They are looking for people with talent, ability, and those traits that will help make these businesses prosper. In Washington State there was a proposal before the Legislature to prohibit discrimination against people based on sexual orientation. Microsoft had supported such things in the past, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...one of those zealous, fundamentalist preachers...Senator Jensen, you're not alone in your attitude...talked about a boycott of Microsoft and its products, and Microsoft backed off. There was so much public criticism that Microsoft switched its position publicly, acknowledged its error, and talked about the need to be against discrimination and to fight it. That proposal lost by one vote. Business understands. The Legislature is a branch of government. We set the rules. We understand. The Supreme Court has gone as far as it can go by placing stringent requirements on judges and all those who function in courtrooms. There should be no discrimination based...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on sexual orientation. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on AM1379. Open for discussion. Senator Foley, followed by Senator Jensen, Chambers, and Schimek. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Not one of you could credibly claim that you've ever heard me engage in gay bashing, and not one of you could ever credibly claim that you've heard me make derogatory jokes about persons who are homosexual. That's not who I am as a person. I don't engage in that kind of speech or conduct. But I realize that there are some people who do and, to the extent that they do, they ought to stop because it's very unkind, it's very wrong. But having said that, I've got to tell you I'm a little bit offended at how