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I can spot persons by race walking down the street. I can spot persons' sexual orientation in many cases going down the street or otherwise. They are clearly distinctive in physical build and the way their brains are wired and the way that they talk. It's very clear. It came out in the paper this week that gay men and women brains operate in the same way. This is a matter of creation. It is not an odd thing or off to the side for me. It's simply a matter of creation. I respect the Creator. I grew up on a farm. We had bulls that wouldn't work and we knew We understood that. I respect Creation. We deal with that. I have dealt for 25 years with persons with various kinds of sexual orientation. And by the way, I don't support the sexual activities of heterosexuals either, having been a pastor too long to do that. But I have discovered persons who have been faithfully married, have a family for years, and whose family accepts that sex for that person is not fun; it's a duty in order to have children. I just wish that we could rationally accept this no matter what our feelings are about sexual activity, that's off to the side, but that we could accept that this is a matter of creation for some persons. Some choose it. I would remind those that want to use the church in this that the church insisted 100 years ago that race is by choice. And in case you need it, there's quite a few biblical verses to support that. Well, we got over that kind of nonsense and that twisting of it, and we need to get over it now, look at it in a straightforward way, set aside the emotions and recognize that we're dealing here with a condition of birth. We need to recognize it as that. We need to accept it as that. We don't have to accept the various kinds of activity that are offensive But we've got a group of people among us who can be discriminated against by the way they appear or by their voice, and that's wrong. We just need to say it. I find that the public policy of most of the community, when I talk about it outside the floor, everybody pretty well agrees. They say, you know, let's get on it, on with it; let's get on someplace else. I was a part of a congregation that had this as a fierce thing, but it was never a question of whether...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...gay persons should be accepted or not, never