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body to adopt; that because it has a specific FA number and there were others with numbers and I had to get whatever I could into the Journal so people would know what is before us and they could go through those FAs and somewhere find this particular amendment, then when I dealt with it they'd be aware of it, they would have had notice. This is the amendment that I intended to discuss. There are other amendments pending to the budget bill, some in which I have an interest, but, as on General File, it is not my desire or intent to discuss all of these others. the Clerk and Senator Erdman brought it to my attention at the outset that I was discussing one of the amendments that dealt only with the Legislature, I acknowledged my error, pointed out that it was not the amendment that I wanted to emphasize. are now on that amendment. What has been said has been said. It can never be unsaid. But this amendment that I'm proposing ought to be adopted. There were 19 votes the other day; I hope there will be 6 more. This does not cost money. It declares a principle of this state that when money is going to these agencies, they are not free to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. No matter how much they may hate people they perceive as being of a different orientation, they cannot discriminate. They just have to swallow that and do their job. And the people who are encompassed by this amendment, whoever they may be,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...will have some recourse. I do not think society should create a set of circumstances where any of its members can be treated unfairly and they have no way to get redress under the rules and principles under which that society is organized. And I'm going to do everything I can to bring America, or this little corner of America where I live and move and have my being, to the point of recognizing its own declared principles and applying them to every person, not just citizens, every person. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on, so the Chair recognizes you to close on AM1379.