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companies in the Fortune 500, congresspersons, the courts throughout the country, schools, and whatnot. Senator Foley might be the only one in the country...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who would acknowledge that he doesn't know what the term sexual orientation means. But he has made clear his opposition to treating people who are what he calls homosexual like human beings. I feel like an abolitionist in this struggle, and my...what I want to abolish is the unreasoning fear, hatred, and loathing directed toward so many of my brothers and sisters of every race, nationality, sex, and any other derivation. It needs to be abolished and I'm going to be the number-one abolitionist, and I say that with great pride and no apology. And I think I'm behaving more like Jesus than some other people,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because he never said anything about gay or lesbian people. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of the Landis amendment. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Jensen and others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, I would like to support the Landis amendment. Usually, my tendency is to argue things broadly and conceptually and as matters of principle, but once in awhile I think it is...it is very important to argue things from the specific example. I have many gay people in my district and they are all, as far as I know them, very significant contributors to the community. I wanted to speak a little bit about one person, though, because I think she illustrates several things. First of all, from a purely economic point of view, it is important that we not have a brain drain of these people because they don't feel welcome in our communities. This particular person that I'm thinking of is a grant writer, and she brings in money from foundations across the United States. She is, in my opinion, the very best grant