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writer in the city of Lincoln, and she is an example of an economically potent individual who is helping our community, and we don't want to develop some sort of hostile environment where people like this don't feel welcome and move off to Chicago or other...or other cities and help them bring in the grant money to that city instead of bringing it in to us. And if you multiply this situation many times over, it is a very, very important factor. Secondly, this person has established a family relationship that is as stable as any heterosexual relationship. She and her partner have been together for many, many years and they have adopted a Native...a little Native American boy who otherwise would be in foster care. And if you knew him, you would know he's a little boy like any other little boy, and he's being raised very well with all of the values that you and I have. And if this society promoted institutions that reinforced long-term relationships in this group as we do with other groups, I think you would see this kind of relationship multiplied over, and over, and over again, and it would be Thirdly, this roughly equivalent to what we otherwise know. person is an example of contributing to the community. She has been elected to high political office in Lincoln. The community knew of her sexual orientation. She's now going to be giving loads and loads of time to the development of community interest. I don't know how there can be a better example to you of why we need to start thinking about treating this group of people better. And I can't think of a better example of why Senator Landis' amendment, which goes only to job discrimination and deals only with the public sector, I think she is a very, very fine example of why we need...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...a rule of tolerance at this point in time, for a whole variety of reasons. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Jensen, followed by Senator Foley.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Landis, would you respond to a question, please? And I want to find out...