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SENATOR JENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if something is not to be a criterion, that simply means it's irrelevant to the decision that's to be made, doesn't it? It's not going to have a bearing one way or the other. They can't...the record won't pick up your nodding in agreement. So, for the record, would you give an answer, please?

SENATOR JENSEN: (Laugh) I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The chuckle was not an answer.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again.

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't believe so, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if it's irrelevant, what more is Senator Landis' amendment saying, what more is his amendment saying than what you just said to me in response to the questions?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, certainly it is in writing, it is establishing that there is a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's putting in writing what you and I agree on orally in our discussion, correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Members of the Legislature, if we can state it on the floor, if we can agree on the floor that that should not be a criterion, that it's irrelevant, why cannot we give that message to all of these employer persons so that they know what the policy of the state of Nebraska is? This drafting by Senator Landis is far more precise than the one I had offered the other day to the budget bill. I cannot fathom why people will stand on the floor and say, I don't believe in discrimination against gay and lesbian people, I don't think it should be there. It reminds me of