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observe males in the nude when they're going to take their These things are already happening. showers. It shows that many people on the floor don't even know what is happening in real world, but they're so hidebound and dogmatic that they give examples and hypotheticals which fail because those things are taking place right now. We know that anybody who is going to be fired and doesn't want to be will allege any reason that he or she can think of as to why the firing should not occur and People on this floor act like judges are why it is unjust. absolute idiots. Just because Senator Foley and Senator Erdman say they need a definition in the statute, if they read cases they would see that judges and courts have been dealing with the question of sexual orientation for I don't know how long, in how many contexts. Senator Erdman, being young, has not learned how to distinguish when I'm being sarcastic and when I'm being serious, when I'm being frivolous, when I'm being profound. When I mentioned the word "counter" not being defined, I was I said one who counts could be a counter. being sarcastic. Now, who in the world took that seriously? Who thought that I meant that could be alleged or raised in court as a challenge to the bill? Senator Erdman has to understand that though I'm, in general, a very serious person, sometimes there is levity that I will engage in. Sometimes I will even inject humor. So, from now on, if it's one of those touch and go areas, I'll say, for young senator Senator Erdman, joke. Senator Redfield very sincerely feels that some antidiscrimination provisions are no She has never experienced discrimination. longer necessary. Nobody would tell Senator Redfield, you're fired because you're a Jew, because she's not a Jew. Before she should make that statement, if she has any Jewish friends or acquaintances or she can go to the rabbi in Omaha and ask the Jews who are affected, do you think now that there's no discrimination against Jews in employment so we can do away with those protections? You go to the people who experience these discriminations, as Senator Aguilar pointed out this morning, and they will explain to you that the discrimination is there. How can somebody on this floor say there's no discrimination against black people when not one of them would ever face discrimination because he or she is black? Then you know what they'll say when you put them in that corner? Well, I'd not discriminate. First of all, I don't know it's true. But if that is true, it doesn't apply to you.