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Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I turned my light on originally to give Senator Chambers some time, but I just heard him say that he doesn't need more time, that his closing will be adequate. But I also turned it on because I think that nobody is listening at this point today, and I think that's a shame, because I think what Senator Chambers is proposing is something that he has worked on for a very long time. It is the right thing to do. And, Senator Chambers, I've sent for my file that has the votes that we took on your last two amendments. On one of them you got 23 votes; one of them you got 24 votes. I suspect, if we looked at those lists very carefully, there were 25 people at least, in all, who were voting yes. And I'm thinking that at some point, if you don't get 25 votes on an amendment of this nature, then I think we ought to start asking ourselves why. What's going on here that's not readily apparent? And I, for one, would encourage people to follow their conscience on this one, and to vote and do the right thing. With that, Mr. President, I return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on, so the Chair recognizes you to close on FA258.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and I'm going to read a bit from this column I was discussing, where the columnist is comparing the mind-set of the Nazis and that of the fervid, antigay people: Both spring from a mind-set that says a given people is so loathsome, so offensive to our sensibilities, that we are obliged to place them outside the circle of normal human compassion. We do not have to hear their cries, do not have to respect their humanity, do not have to revere their tears, because they are less than we--and at the same time, they are responsible for everything that scares or threatens us. Whatever it is, it's all their fault. Blame them, whoever "them" may be. My problem is that I see human dignity as all of a piece. As Martin Luther King Jr. put it, we are caught in a network of mutuality. As Dick Cheney put it, freedom means freedom for everybody. As Cain put it--to quote him again--Am I