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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as might be said on the street, as quiet as its kept, there are animals that engage in homosexual activity other than human beings. That will shock, stun, and amaze some of the more narrow-minded, hidebound people who are going to try to make the natural world comport with their dogma. But there are animals that do that. We know there are human beings who do it. And they found out that some of those most rabidly opposed to granting protection to gay men and lesbian women when it comes to civil rights are themselves homosexual, and they think by being so rabidly opposed they won't call attention to themselves. There was a mayor out in I think it was the state of Washington, one of the most anti-gay persons in public office, and they found out that he was gay, that he had been trying to set up homosexual contacts with boys, and he had even given jobs to boys, and it was alleged that it was in exchange for homosexual favors. He was recalled. So when you find these people who jump up on their hobbyhorse, and they're always going to have to be so strong in emphasizing that they're not this or the other, it raises a question. As Shakespeare said, methinketh you protesteth too much. Now, I've been accused of being gay because I speak out for the rights of gay people. Somebody is just waiting to figure how they can get around my whiskers so they can accuse me of being a woman, since I speak out for the rights of women. And others are going to wonder how in the world I learned how to stand upright and function like a biped, since I spend so much time speaking in behalf of our four-footed creatures. They can't understand that. But they accept some of the most preposterous notions that you can find. All kind of magical things happen in what they call their religion, and based on that, they want to condemn other people to hell, deprive others of the rights that every person in a society governed by law ought to have. And if we were decent and our religion meant anything, it would cause us to say that we are not going to be comfortable in the presence of anybody being deprived their rights, rights that we have, that we exercise, that we take for granted, that we think we have a right to have and exercise, but not those other people. They are in fact the other, the outsiders, the terrible ones. Well, as long as I'm aware of groups of people treated that way,