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don't understand the real issue, she is so far off the radar screen that I would have to contact Mars or Venus or wherever they say women are located to correspond or communicate with When these issues come up, I don't see Senator Brown leading the charge on behalf of women and women's rights. the Governor was not appointing women to these boards and commissions, Senator Brown was not out there, but I was, because I'm going according to what I believe and I'm not trying to cheese up to the Catholic Church, to any misogynist, or anybody else who is in a position to silence the people on this floor. So when Senator Foley can only justify his position by saying, well, I didn't say it on the floor but I said it to these business groups, ask them; I'll even talk to pro-choice groups if they want me to, ask them; no, I want him to say it here. This is where we debate. This is where public policy is formed and this is where people can find out the information and the debate...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that underlay the decisions that we arrived at. If the day comes that I have to hide from what it is I claim I believe and conceal my motivation, I don't deserve to be here. But my standards are higher than everybody on this floor. The problem that you all have with me is not that I lie to you, but that I'm so blunt and straightforward and direct in telling you what it is that I think, what I believe, and why I'm doing what I believe. That's what you don't like in me. You can't come to me and say, Ernie, you lied; the only way I know you lied, because I read in the paper and they got you to say what you were too cowardly to say on the floor, or too dishonest, too disingenuous, too afflicted with the tendency to lie and mislead to say on the floor. But this is a good debate and it's not ending here and it's not going to end this session. And when the budget bill comes up, it's going to go on again.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further