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these things. I'm going to support this bill. I am not enthusiastic about this kind of legislation, not because of what the intent is, but it approaches dangerously close to that line which, if crossed, would infringe on the constitutional rights of people, no matter how abhorrent or repugnant what those people are doing. A constitution and laws mean nothing if they cannot withstand pressure. The only time protections mean something is when a threat exists. If nobody is ever going to say anything unpleasant, nobody will ever say anything which others don't like, there's no need to protect speech. The speech that must be protected is that which is hateful, that which is outside the pale, and that which displeases perhaps the majority of people, or what's called the mainstream. If the rights of the most detested person are not respected--this sounds like a cliché--then really, nobody's rights are safe. That is why I give so much credit to the ACLU. They will as quickly defend the constitutional rights, not necessarily conduct, but the constitutional rights of some people to engage in certain types of conduct, of the most rabid Ku Klux Klanner, as quickly as they will the rights of the most innocent black person being deprived of rights based on race alone. They know that they are pursuing a course which is unpopular,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...until somebody needs what it is that they offer. So I'm supporting Senator Friend's bill. If I thought it would not withstand constitutional muster, I would not support it. I don't want to pass a law just so we can say we did something that is "feel good." I believe it does address a genuine societal problem. It is something that society can take note of, and to the extent that the law and the constitution will allow it, some protections can be thrown around these particular activities. So if you look at my amendment and find anything that is unclear to you, ask me questions and I think I can persuade you to agree with what I'm offering. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the Chambers amendment to the Friend amendment. Open for discussion. Senator Bourne.