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SENATOR BRASHEAR: It says the Standing Committee Rep. No. 11.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then you see a date stamped.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: February 4, 1997.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, that was the most recent information I was able to get, and if you look at the bottom, you will see that it was faxed to us, and the Department of Research, the Division of Research procured that for me pursuant to my request, and I want to acknowledge what they did and express my appreciation. This could give us some guidance. It is in Hawaii where their Legislature has submitted various propositions to the public to change their constitution, but you also will have read in the article that I had sent around, and then if there's time, I...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...do want to ask you a question. Well, maybe I won't have time to ask this question, so I'll read this from the article that came from the World-Herald, January 1st of this year, January 25th. Quote: We recognize that the public wants to decide whether marriage should be between one man and one woman, but why would anyone want to deny fundamental civil rights on the basis of sex, said Senator Matsunaga, one of the sponsors of the proposed amendment, which would prohibit same-sex marriage. They didn't carry it as far as we do in Nebraska, where you say these people have no right to be recognized as human beings. When we talk about the right to work, we mean except you; the right to shelter, except you; the right to take care of your elderly, except you; the right to have children by way of adoption, except you. That, to me, is inhuman on our part, and if we're going to say that because people are homosexual, they are somehow less human,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you have to cut a notch below them to place the rest of us because of the way we and our superior attitude, regard those people.