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a vote, and to make any deals, no, I don't do that with anybody or any vote.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I like that. I will make no deals. Senator Pedersen, before I discuss that, I want to ask you a question.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you don't know the answer, I'm not going to badger you on it. May the Secretary of State, under the laws of Nebraska, refuse to hire a person based on sexual orientation alone?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I don't know the honest answer to that, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May the Secretary of State refuse to hire a person on the basis of gender alone?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I don't think so, but I'm not...I don't have a law book in front of me to know that for sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You have a walking one across the aisle from you, but I will ask you this, may the Secretary of State refuse to hire a person on the basis of race alone?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: No. I would...absolutely not. I would...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose a person came for a job to the Secretary of State and was as pale as anybody in here and had eyes as blue and hair as blond, and the Secretary of State, nevertheless, knew that that person had a drop of my blood, black blood, African-American blood, the most powerful blood in the world, and for that reason chose not to hire that person, could the Secretary of State do that against a person who looked like what I described?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why not.