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a negative vote, maybe the Legislature thereby is acknowledging that people of these orientations are in fact persons. But despite making that acknowledgement, there is no intent to protect their rights or defend them against discrimination, which would not be tolerated and is not tolerated under the laws of this state, when directed toward and against others. If this group of people constitutes such a small percentage of the population as is often argued, there is not going to be any great cost in dollars, if that's what some people deem to be a motivating factor for the bills they vote for. There will not be a great amount of time necessary to ensure that their rights are vindicated in an appropriate forum as are the rights of others who are protected under the law. But if it is felt that they're not persons, then there is the logic to denying them protections available to everybody else. Since I believe that they are persons, I have an obligation to fight to see that the laws we enact would protect their right, would affirm their personhood, express legislatively a lack of tolerance of discrimination. A peculiar thing, as I view it, will come into existence of being when people vote, if we ever get to it, for a so-called hate crime law. Now I think the Judiciary Committee advanced that bill, LB 90. That bill protects people from hate crimes, if such a crime is inflicted against them or perpetrated upon them because of their sexual orientation. So on the one hand, and I think the Legislature ought to do that, people will be protected from crimes committed against them because of their sexual orientation. But they will not be protected if the crime consists of denying them an opportunity to work, that is not deemed a crime. It is not deemed an inappropriate act, it is not deemed something that the protection of the laws of Nebraska should guard against. I don't see that as being good legislating. The hate crimes provision is good; the other, which entrenched bigotry and discrimination, are not good. The failure of that Business and Labor Committee to advance a bill designed to prohibit discrimination in the workplace, and in trying to procure employment because of sexual orientation, a committee that will not advance a bill such as that is hard for me to have respect for. There are people on that committee who would not want that to happen to a member of their family, to one of their friends, to people from their district if it's on some other issue that is safe. But when we're concerned with people who are unpopular, who are out on the fringes as far as