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11CA, Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Crosby, members of the body. This is a politically correct revision of the constitution. I don't happen to have a copy here with me of Fowler's Modern English Usage, but in the English language, which we are now seeking to change bit by bit, and it changes fast enough by itself, the use of the male includes the feminine gender, just as the word all "mankind" includes the feminine gender. I can readily see why some people for some reason that I don't understand want to change the English language in this particular instance. But this is unnecessary and, quite frankly, has been for the last several, five or six, seven, eight hundred years, it's been...it's poor English to do so. I don't think that we should be toying with a document like the Nebraska Constitution, or any of the other millions of documents in which this is a common construction. I think everyone understands that the laws apply to men and women equally, that they do not seek to denigrate the feminine gender from the masculine, and I don't think that it adds or subtracts one bit of dignity or consideration from anyone to use the English language as it has generally been used for the better part of a thousand years. Well, that's not exactly correct because I was...I'll amend that, the last 600 years. Now we move into middle English and we don't have to worry about Anglo-Saxon. But even in Anglo-Saxon, the male usage encompassed the female, and I shall be voting against this merely...not out of disrespect of the idea, but out of respect to the English language. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I just stand in support of this constitutional amendment. I would like to clarify, just for the record, and ask Senator Kristensen one question, if I might.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen, will you yield for a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.