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amounts to a compelling reason for the Legislature to cut out this particular group of entities and allow them an advantage over other operations that might want to be able to issue tax-exempt bonds because they're facing financial difficulty too. The mere fact that these are educational institutions established by religions who want to be able to discriminate against people who have a different religion is not a justification. I've got an article I'm going to circulate again, which I circulated earlier, about a young person who experienced discrimination of a religious nature at one of these religion-based schools. She happened to have been a Mormon, a devotee of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints, and there were activities she was banned from because her religion was different from that of the school she was attending, but she wasn't made to know that she would be discriminated against in that fashion at this religious school. And you all want to put money, by way of...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so-called scholarship programs, into religious schools that discriminate on the basis of religion, and you all are going along with that. It should not be done. That's a different argument for a different day, when it comes to my trying to take action against it. But what I see here today is an attempt to have taxpayers subsidize private institutions in their day-to-day operations, their building, their retrofitting of heating and other fuel usage devices, and I do not think it is appropriate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion or item on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Jensen, you'd have the option to lay the bill over at this time, Senator.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Jensen, we understand you wish to take the motion up. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the