

way we're doing it right here. We need this bill very badly. Nuts! We don't need it at all. We all know we don't need it. But no one wants to stand up and say no to some very fine ladies in the League of Women Voters. No one wants to say no to all the rest of these people, but the plain facts are that the Chief Executive of this state, and this Legislature, by their own affirmative action can do more for Affirmative Action than any scrap of paper we slide across the board, and by the same token we can pass this bill and if the Governor chooses to do otherwise, and if the Legislature chooses to take a different position, then all of the bills we pass are going to mean nothing. I think it's been said many times. I know you're all tired of hearing it, but this is an easy bill to pass. It's not going to cost much money. It comes as close to meeting my four criteria as anything I've ever found, except for the few thousand bucks it costs. It's going to help no one. It's going to hurt no one. It's going to do nothing. It's going to only cost a little bit of money. But I'll promise you one thing, that those of you who are young enough, and Senator Keyes and myself and few others that aren't probably going to be around, but Senator Cullan and Simon and Newell, Wesely, Fowler, Landis, they'll be around to see it...Senator Kremer...they'll be around to see it grow, and grow, and grow, and when the tail begins to wag the dog, you're going to wonder what all happened. The plain facts are going to be that nothing is going to happen that couldn't happen today because you've got a Governor who says we're going to have Affirmative Action. I'm not taking anything away from the previous Governor, but the facts are that this Governor has stated so. He stated so publicly. He said so privately. He has demonstrated that in his own administrative heads, and I think that's what it takes, and so long as those agency heads know that it's the Governor's point of view, you can be sure that they're going to carry it out in the hiring that they carry out in their own agencies. That's the best affirmative action you can get. It's not going to cost you 50,000. It's not going to cost you a 100,000. It's not going to cost you anything. In fact, it's going to benefit you because you're going to have the benefit of some very fine people who you might not otherwise have if you had a scrap of paper and did not have that positive leadership from the Executive Office.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I do support LB 500 wholeheartedly, and I am so glad that