

responsibility and write into the policy of this state that proposition, there is no reason to exempt these two categories that the Hoagland-Beyer amendment have exempted. Any consideration of justice would require that this amendment be stricken. Those who are going to, in a very few minutes probably, argue the very points that I am arguing now but on a different bill, should think about that. And if the principles that you are going to talk about on that bill have no meaning with reference to this one, those principles have no meaning with reference to that bill either. And we should stop talking about anything on the basis of principle and base it strictly on what you have to do to get votes and the reason you want to get votes is to pass a certain proposition and the reason you want the proposition passed is because there is an interest group out there with enough power or money to bring pressure to bear when you run for election or grant favors while you are elected and that is why bills are passed in this Legislature, and that is a shameful reason for enacting legislation. This is a bad bill as it stands now. If that amendment is stricken, it won't be as bad. So I am hoping that you will vote yes on this amendment. I am aware that the discussion has been extended primarily because of the amendments that I have offered and people have drifted and they drifted because they were following their minds which had drifted first, if the minds were here at all today, which they probably weren't. Senator Marsh and a few other people with nothing to do are probably the only ones listening to me. But I am enjoying what I say, because I enjoy being in the presence of truth and what I am speaking is the truth. There are some in this body who would do what Pilate did when he had an opportunity to ask one who some people said was God's son on this earth, what is truth? And instead of staying there to get an answer for people such as myself who are interested in what that answer would have been, Pilate turned and walked out. He denied us something that we all should have had. I promise you that I will not stint on my speaking of what I consider to be the truth. You all may pull a Pilate and walk out but I will stay here and speak the truth and my words are as surely recorded today, Senator Marsh, as those words would have been recorded 2,000 years ago, had they been spoken. And what I am talking about is as valid and important as what could have been spoken 2,000 years ago. We are talking about the essential value of human beings and Senator Beyer and Senator Hoagland have made a distinction and said, some are