

got a bunch of people plundering a group and you go to the plunderers and say let's pass a law to stop the plundering. Naturally they are going to say we're against it, we're against it. You expect to have a chauvinist organization for women's rights? Preposterous, but those are the kind of arguments and I'll put it in quotes, "that we hear on the floor of this Legislature." Senator Peterson I think is interested in bees. I wasn't here when the bill was acted on favorably, but somebody talked about a favorable vote on bees, so he thinks more of bees than he does of people. Senator Hefner doesn't think these groups need to be in existence, yet he comes to the Legislature pushing for legislation to benefit the petroleum industry. Now I don't keep up with Senator Hefner's personal business, but I understand that he has a nodding acquaintance with that industry and maybe he even derives some profit from it. Senator Hoagland is engaging in what you might call life boat morality where you say we have three people, all of whom are entitled to be saved, since we've pulled one out of the water we're going to make sure that this one is saved even if we have to take paddles and beat on the fingertips of those who are in the water trying to rescue themselves. I say, freedom for everybody, freedom for nobody. Justice for all or degradation for all. Then when we have established a policy and the Legislature has spoken unequivocally, then these various groups may come to understand that there are things that they have in common and these women will not be like the dish who ran away with the spoon. They will see a need to assist other people similarly situated. If we in this Legislature say that we're concerned about alleviating misery and poverty, then we should be interested in helping whoever is in that circumstance regardless of how they got there. I was talking to a young man on the floor the other day about AIDS and AIDS' victims and how they are people who say that AIDS is a punishment from God and those people ought to be allowed to reap the just recompense of reward that they are entitled to because of their dastardly activities, but we don't say that about people who get cancer from smoking. Doesn't cancer from smoking represent the punishment of God on those who smoke? If we are concerned because some people are afflicted with life threatening ailments, we should not be judgmental and say because they got in that situation by traveling a certain path they are unworthy of help. Our job is to look at those who need the help and assist them. If a lady happened to be on a viaduct and couldn't take life