

and they think anything offered by way of amendment would be evil, too. So this not only is a crazy bill, but the tactics supporting it are crazy, too. Since no amendments will be offered, I mean, will be accepted, I want to talk about something Senator Smith mentioned briefly. Senator Smith, you said...let me ask you a question. What did you say about women in general, because I want to be sure I don't misstate that?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I will be pleased to respond. I said they are special and they are important. They have an important function in many ways.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Smith, and I agree. And as Senator Nelson says, and they are not cattle. I agree. I think women are very special, very important. I wouldn't want to be in a world without you all. I think every woman is special, but, naturally, there might be one that is more special above the rest. In the old days when they were talking about the issue of intermarriage between races, people would ask me how I felt about somebody marrying a black woman. I said a man can marry any woman he wants to as long as it is not my wife. That is the way I feel. Marriage is one of those things that you enter into with a lot of hopes and ideals. Sometimes they come to fruition, sometimes they don't, but I think it would be very fine if we could get rid of that concept of a war between the sexes, and there could come an understanding that there should be a complimenting rather than a battle. We could come close to reaching that if legislatures would not get on hobby-horses and do the kinds of things that this bill is attempting to do. I am going to say what I had said before in connection with this bill. I am glad we have more women in this Legislature who understand and sympathize with the problems that women face. They are not females in body and masculine in psychology to the point where they have accepted and bought into everything that men have said about women for the purpose of being able to exploit and dominate women. We have some who are not bound by religious notions, political notions, societal notions, that would cast the woman low and the man high. It would be good if, in fact, human beings, regardless of gender, are put into a category of having a certain intrinsic worth which is not going to be transgressed...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.