

COMMENTS OF
REPRESENTATIVE ARLON LINDNER
ON HOUSE FLOOR
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Rep. Entenza got his facts wrong. This isn't the first time something like this has occurred in this body and usually we prove that you're wrong. You're wrong again this time. I didn't say that the holocaust didn't exist. I've known for all my lifetime pretty much that it did exist and most of my life when the word holocaust was referred to, it usually referred to the Jewish suffering and death that occurred under the Nazi occupation. It's just been within the recent two or three years

NOTE FROM THE OFFICIAL HOUSE VIDEO TAPE THAT ON LINE FOUR "HOUSE FLOOR TRANSCRIPT" OF 3/10/03 THE WORD "STATING" SHOULD BE "STUDYING".

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commission *standing?*
Lindner: It's just been within the recent two or three years that its been brought forward that homosexuals also suffered like that. And whether or not they suffered as a homosexual or as resistant fighters against the Nazis, you know, you don't know and I don't know either. But there's information out there on both sides. I'm still stating it myself, the purpose of my bill that you don't like, it has to do with removing sexual orientation from our Minnesota Statutes. That, that's one place that that expression sexual orientation occurs. As most people know, there's 22 or more orientations that fall into this category. We should have never codified that into law in the first place. It's time to get rid of it. It's causing a lot of problems in our schools, businesses and so forth. Ahh, that's what this is about. It's not about a holocaust. And what I'm trying to prevent is the holocaust of our children getting STDs, AIDS and various other diseases that's going to affect their lives the rest of their lives. If you want to sit around here and wait till America becomes another African continent, well then, you do that...but I'm going to try to do something about it.

Speaker: The member from Hennepin, Representative Ellison.

Ellison: Mr. Speaker, I have to strongly object to that racist comment that was just made by Representative Lindner. Referring to an African continent in such a derogatory length is offensive to everybody in this body. It's offensive to everybody in this state. And that is another cause for Rep. Lindner to have to apologize. I am embarrassed for us today when I think about the evil, bigoted statement that was just expressed, and the way in which it was expressed. It seems like every time that gentleman says something he digs himself into a deeper hole and embarrasses this state even more.

Speaker: The member from Hennepin, Representative Walker.

Walker: Will Mr. Lindn...

Speaker: For purpose to you arise...

Walker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I actually have a question for Representative Lindner....personal privilege, we'll do that.

Speaker: State your point of personal privilege, Rep. Walker.

Walker: Actually, no it's not. Actually, it's a point of inquiry. Parliamentary inquiry.

Speaker: State your point of parliamentary inquiry.

Walker: Will Rep. Lindner

Speaker: Parliamentary inquiry is for the front desk.

Walker: Ok, point of personal privilege.

Speaker: State your point of personal privilege, Rep. Walker.

Walker: I actually will take this moment to commend Rep. Ellison for eloquently speaking something that I probably would not have been able to say myself. I, actually, as a third year representative have many things that we will agree upon. There are many things that we will disagree upon. We come from different parts of the state. We represent different constituents. I am a proud African American, representing not only individuals in District 61B, but also African