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saying to them, in the floor debate...we're saying to them...to the investment officer, you go over there and tell these people we're not going to invest unless they adopt the MacBride Principles. What business do we have to do that? We don't have any business to do that. We don't have a bit of business to doing that. So I'd like to reconsider the vote, which we're going to do. Then, I have some more information for you a little later on. I...I'm looking here and I...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: One minute? Thank you, Madam President. Do I have another time to talk on this issue?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Excuse me, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do I have another opportunity to talk on this issue before we vote?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One...one more time, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: One more time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, are you finished speaking?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, I'm not. I'm not going to be finished speaking for quite a while. It says here in the floor debate MacBride Principles, basically as stated in the amendment, an affirmative action measure for purpose of individuals who happen to be members of a religious minority--Catholics in Northern Ireland. Presently, the unemployment rate for the minority religious group is two-and-a-half to every one of the nation...nationals that are presently in terms of employment. I wonder where he got those figures, the person who said this on the floor. My figures don't show that. Well, what does that mean? It means maybe the minority doesn't want to work. Maybe it means that. I don't know. I don't where he got his figures. The problem with having employment made available to these folks is a long-standing issue in Ireland. Thank you. It goes back to the 1920s.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise