

# Senator to 'gay' lawmakers: 'Homosexuality is a sin'

## Activists blast state legislator for citing Scripture against same-sex unions

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*Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Praise God that Senator Scott Renfroe had the courage to tell the truth. This story reminds me of what Jesus taught us in Luke 6 and what we know about how Timothy was killed for standing up to the immorality of his day (as recorded in Fox's Book of Martyrs).*

*Luke 6:22 Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. (NKJ)*

***Fox's Book of Martyrs:** - Timothy was the celebrated disciple of St. Paul, and bishop of Ephesus, where he zealously governed the Church until A.D. 97. At this period, as the pagans were about to celebrate a feast called Catagogion, Timothy, meeting the procession, severely reproved them for their ridiculous idolatry, which so exasperated the people that they fell upon him with their clubs, and beat him in so dreadful a manner that he expired of the bruises two days later.*



State Sen. Scott  
Renfroe

When Colorado's Legislature considered granting benefits to same-sex partners, one lawmaker took a stand, calling homosexuality an "abomination" and a sin the government should not condone – and now "gay" activists have countered with a full-fledged attack.

Sen. Scott Renfroe, R-Greeley, stood before the state Senate Feb. 23 just before it passed SB 88, a bill granting insurance benefits to homosexual partners of state employees. He read scripture to lawmakers – including the bill's openly "gay" sponsors, Democrats Sen. Jennifer Veiga and Rep. Mark Ferrandino.

"I oppose this bill because of what my personal beliefs are," Renfroe said. "I think that what our country was founded upon was those beliefs also."

He told the Senate God created woman as a helper for man and commanded his children to "be fruitful and multiply."

"I think that goes back to this whole picture of family that God created us for, and we need to honor that," he said firmly. "Homosexuality is seen as a violation of this natural created order."

Renfroe began reading the book of Leviticus to the Senate.

"Ye shall not lie with a man as one lies with a female. It is an abomination," he read. "If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act, and they shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them."

Then he continued with Romans 1:18: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."

"That's what we're doing here," Renfroe said. "We are suppressing the truth. The truth is what the family was created for in the beginning – that is a husband, a wife and children. That is why we are here, and this [bill] goes against that."

Renfroe acknowledged that the Bible condemns many sins, and he said the state should not seek to legalize those behaviors.

"Obviously we have sin — we have murder, we have, we have all sorts of sin, we have adultery, and we don't make laws making those legal, and we would never think to make murder legal," he said. "I stand in my belief that this is wrong, and we should not condone it as a government."

One of the bill's homosexual sponsors, Sen. Jennifer Veiga, immediately fired back.

"You say, up here at this microphone, that God created us in a certain structure," she said. "I will stand here today and tell you that God also created me. And the last time I checked, I am who I am, people."

Other Republicans also opposed the bill, claiming it was a method of circumventing the voters' 2006 decision to keep marriage between a man and a woman. Critics argue that Colorado cannot afford to pay \$116,000 annually for the added benefits when the Legislature may be facing a \$1 billion deficit next year.

Nonetheless, the Senate passed the bill on a voice vote and gave it final approval the following day by a margin of 22-12.

But the debate didn't stop there.

Homosexual groups have launched an attack on Sen. Renfroe for opposing the bill and reading scripture aloud. Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, issued a statement blasting Renfroe, saying "he compared homosexuality with murder."

"These outrageously offensive comments warrant condemnation by all fair-minded people and should be ignored by the Colorado legislature as they move forward in passing overdue protections to state workers," Solmonese said. "Senator Renfroe shows his own intolerance, but we remain hopeful that his fair-minded colleagues will press ahead and protect hard-working Coloradoans."

According to the Rocky Mountain News blog, some unidentified GOP lawmakers "have privately expressed dismay over Renfroe's comments" as well.

Activist group ProgressNow Colorado launched an e-mail campaign to "Tell Scott Renfroe what you think."

"[R]egardless of how people like James Dobson and Scott Renfroe feel about gay people, their shameless hate-mongering has no place in public debate and we should reject them completely," the website states.

The organization also started a Facebook group called "Reject Renfroe" shortly after the speech became public.

The group now has 176 members who have posted comments including the following:

- Unfortunately if trash comes out of the mouths of politicians and/or preachers they seem to be protected from the law even though they are inciting terrorism, violence, etc.
- On what planet and in what century do you think you are operating? There is no room in this state, this country, and this time in the history of humankind for such hatred and disrespect to exist, much less to be expressed by a "statesman" such as yourself. ... Your statements are disgusting and wrong, and it's shameful that you attribute such attitudes to the God that created us ALL – straight, gay, bisexual, transgender, & ?ing alike – in His image. For shame.
- If you are such a higher form of being than the rest of us, I would hope that you choose to resign from representing those of us who are "mere mortals."