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before World War Two, homosexuality had not been linked to national security. Imagine that. Prior to World War Two, homosexuality was not a national security risk. Makes sense. And the only previous congressional inquiry into homosexuality had been somewhat discredited as an entrapment scheme. Beginning as the result of the moral vigilance of two Navy officials at a prestigious training station, the 1919 Newport scandal reflected the gender role social construction of homosexuality that was then still functional. While some of the sailors involved were considered heterosexual and escaped punishment because of their masculine, insertive role in sex, most of the perverts, quotes, who allowed themselves to be penetrated were punished.

KELLY: One minute.

M. CAVANAUGH: Thank you. It is important, words are important. What we say here is important. Trying to deny what is going on is not going to be tolerated by me. **We are witnessing a genocide--**

SLAMA: Point of order.

KELLY: For what purpose do you rise, Senator Slama?

SLAMA: Pursuant to Rule 2, Section 9, objecting to specific words spoken. Words excepted to, my apologies.

KELLY: Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, Senator Slama, and Speaker Arch, would you please approach? The Legislature will stand at ease for five minutes.

[EASE]

KELLY: Senators, the period for standing at ease is concluded. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, pursuant to Rule 2, Section 9, Senator Slama would take ex-- excuse me, would take exception to and object to words spoken in debate from Senator Cavanaugh, the phrase "we are witnessing a genocide." In addition, Senator Slama would move to censure Senator Cavanaugh.

KELLY: Speaker Arch, you're recognized to speak.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. **We will not be taking up that motion at this time. We need to continue our debate of this bill.**