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THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Oklahoma Republicans condemning LGBTQ hate speech is nice. But prove you actually mean it.

Janelle Stecklein | *Oklahoma Voice*



Sen. Tom Woods, R-Westville, stands in the back row as Gov. Kevin Stitt and others listen to House Speaker Charles McCall, R-Atoka, speak during Tuesday's grocery tax bill signing ceremony.

(Photo by Janelle Stecklein/Oklahoma Voice)

Put up or shut up.

That's the message that Oklahomans ought to be sending to their Republican senators, who purport to be horrified and appalled by the anti-LGBTQ rhetoric spewed by one of their own.

After all, we all know talk is cheap if an apology isn't followed by meaningful action to back it up.

And, so far all we've seen from Republicans is lip service.

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Diane Roberts | *Florida Phoenix*

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Terrence T. McDonald | *New Jersey Monitor*

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