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private detective to interrogate Cindy, the victim. He wants to send the perpetrator to sensitivity training. You know why I'm taking this time? Because to just say it will not impart to you, will not touch your emotions so that you understand the fury that a man of my disposition and temperament feels about this. Anytime we allege discrimination people always want to tell us, whether it's in the courthouse or the doghouse, you're imagining it. So the Clerk tells me that in this situation, where the white woman was served and the black woman wasn't, and she spent all that time explaining what she wanted and never was served by him, I don't think race has anything to do with it. If I believe race had something to do with it then, well, he's going to go into denial, I know that. I didn't hire the man. I can't fire him. But there are other things that I can do.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm going to conduct myself the rest of this session in such a way as to maybe bring to your mind an understanding, just a small bit of understanding, of what I'm talking about and what it is that I'm sensing. And if there's not something done then I'm going to do what I can do, and I can dish it out longer than other people can take it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the motion to return? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, vote as you will on this bill. You can send me a message this morning and I just don't care how you vote, I really don't. You've often heard it said that people who have these near-death experiences, and I guess it's always these people who think that there's a bad something waiting on the other side of life for them, they start doing all this bargaining and negotiating about how, if they are spared, they won't do this or that. But here's what they invariably will say. All of a sudden things are brought into perspective. Those activities, those occurrences that meant so much when I thought my...I had my health suddenly don't matter anymore. There is something that is much larger that brings these things into perspective, and you can dismiss all these other things with a snap of the finger. That's what