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they were resegregating the schools? Where were any of these white people who are now telling me I ought to back away from what I'm doing? They were out there beating the bushes saying, resegregate the schools. That was the selling point for that \$254 million bond issue. Black children won't be coming out to these white schools anymore to the extent that they are. Your children won't have to go to school with these black children. They don't have to go to school with Latino children. They go to school with just little white children and they learn only about white people. Then they go out into a multicultural world and they're like lost balls in high weeds. They don't know how to talk to people. They're afraid of other groups. They think they're better than everybody else and they're not even other people's equal, because nobody is going to ask you read me something from A Midsummer Night's Dream. Uh-uh, I want you to talk to me about what is between me and you right now. Tell me what you know. Put up or shut up. And they get scared because they don't know anything about life or living or other people. They know nothing about other people's culture. We have Native Americans in this state, and white people in schools will take books that teach people about Native Americans but they don't want one in the classroom and they don't want this Legislature to do things to be fair. So things taught in the abstract are all right in the white people's classrooms. You let a white child bring home a Native American child or a black child and watch the reaction of those white parents. Don't tell me racism is dead. Racism is not ill. Racism is not even sleeping soundly. White people hope that black people and others will stop talking about it. Then they don't have to deal with it. But it is here and we live with it every day, so I will be talking about it and I especially will get on it when we're on LB 305. But there will be some tangential issues in LB 5...whatever the next budget bill is, the mainline budget, that will allow me to more directly have an impact on the things that I think need to be impacted in the way that I can do it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, in the interests of being collegial, I will not take that one minute and I withdraw my motion.