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him for his property and to relocate, he cannot acquire a home. He cannot get a garage. So, in effect, he has no functional relocation. He is being told, take what the state offers you even though it is inadequate, and if you don't take it, we will use the power of eminent domain and you may as well not come to court because it is not going to do you any good. I am giving you the stuff. Now if the Senators are insistent on going on record in favor of a project that is still hurtful to people who are there, who are being threatened with loss of their property, then you are the ones that they ought to come to when they have a problem, not me. But they go where they think they can get help. They determine where they think they can get help by the way we conduct ourselves on the issues that are close to them. Another aspect that I think you have not looked at, but I wish you would, is that when this thing...this monstrosity if it goes through the community, it will have an affect on the people who are left. Some of them will have these ten foot earth berms right outside their front door. It runs a distance of twenty blocks through the community without a break, with no way to get on it or off it. That, to me, is unconscionable. It has not happened in any other community in this city...in this state. There is no city in this state through which a monstrosity like this passes because all the other cities in the state are white. There is no real concern in this Legislature for the plight of people who are black or who are poor.

SENATOR CLARK: You have thirty seconds, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think that the situation is so grave that if you insist on running this thing through the community, the people are entitled in the same way you say this preacher can be disobedient to make the road impassable. And since inflated rubber tire vehicles are the ones that you put on these roads and that you insist on running through our community to pollute the air and harm the health of our little children, means can be found to make that road impassable by vehicles with inflated rubber tires. And this final thing, it is so close to the areas where little children live that I think that should be enough to make you want to see the seriousness of the problem that I am bringing to you. And if you think little children are not killed by freeways being close to where they live, not too many weeks ago a child whose last name was Mangleson was killed on the Interstate near 72nd in Omaha because he was trying to catch snakes and he followed one out on the