

need to have the sensitivity, we need to have the training, but yet not, but not cause harm in another area of will we get the teachers through the teacher training because it takes so long at a cost of pay that is so little.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, and I have similar concerns because I don't like us to put legislation on the books which appears to do something when, in fact, it does not, and the purpose of the legislation is to alter the status quo but, in fact, not only does it fail to alter it but it entrenches it because it creates the impression that something is being done and those sensitive people in the society who feel that something needs to be done may be given the false impression that the job has been completed, they no longer need to monitor the situation, because there has been placed in statute a guarantee that these areas that are very important and need to be taught to those who are going to teach other people's children the feeling that that has been taken care of. With reference to what Senator Elmer said, maybe 500,000 years from now his statements will be appropriate for America, but the reality is, and this can be confirmed by the FBI, local law enforcement agencies throughout the country, that there has been a great outbreak, especially during the latter part of the Reagan administration, in racial physical attacks, the burning of crosses, the firing of people's homes, the burning of various establishments on campuses where black students are located. There has been an outbreak of anti-Semitism in the form of desecration of cemeteries, the marking of swastikas on synagogues, and other things of that sort. In Louisiana, a Ku Klux Klanner named David Duke was just elected, and I don't know why people are so alarmed because he went through the process that was established for putting people in the Legislature, and if there are enough people who support what he says to use the system of voting to vote him into office, then he should be allowed to stay there, and just as happens with me in this Legislature being unable by myself to get a bill through, he cannot by himself get any legislation through. So I think it is necessary that there be given serious considerations to things that occur in the society, that they be placed in proper perspective, and people understand what the nature of a problem is so that we can confront it. To pretend that there are not differences of a racial, religious, gender, nationality, ethnic, to pretend those differences don't exist in this country, I think is very naive and contributes to the continued misunderstanding that will aggravate the problems that