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and because it is deemed to be politically expedient, people are going to run away from what we ought to do like jackrabbits from a wolf.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, may I interrupt you a moment. (Gavel.) Let's hold it down so you can hear the speakers. (Gavel.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They don't want to, but that's all right.

PRESIDENT: But I want to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm in that position where did I not speak, the stones would cry out. I have to unburden my soul, if I have a soul. Sometimes those of us who are called heathens and have these righteous people look down their noses at us and we have to say to them what some of those apostles said, we won't even do what you do and you're the righteous people and you're the ones whose example is going to show us heathens the way to salvation. You're going to show us how to love, you're going to show us that common brotherhood of all human beings, because God made of all nations one blood, made them from one blood, so they're all brothers and sisters and God is the Father. And this is what it has come to, that self-righteous, hard-hearted, glazed-eyes insensitivity toward others, but let the wolf sit on our door and we don't want to have inflicted on us what we have passed laws to inflict on others. We put these harsh punishments, we create these insurmountable obstacles because we don't expect it to befall us, and when it befalls us, then we cry out for mercy. We say the law is too strict, the law is unconstitutional and we heard a great crowd of witnesses to bear witness to our good character. And the issue is not that we didn't do a thing, we did it, by God, but we didn't do it with the right motive, therefore, we're innocent. And then we stand up here in our sanctimonious self-righteousness and continue to pass these harsh laws on others. And I'm not just taking this position on this one, there are laws on which I was the only no vote. Those who voted for the law cried like a pig with his nose stuck under the gate when the law fell on them, and they voted for it. But when people are dried up and the spark of life is no longer in them, they can look with hard-hearted insensitivity at those young people who still are the bearers of life and they pretend to care for them when they do everything they can to crush them down and snuff them out. This bill is not going to help any of those that we say the bill is designed