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toward the Legislature. There is supposed to be attention between the various branches of government, that's how they check and balance. But there is no tension between the Legislature and the Governor's office, none. Whatever the Governor wants, the Governor basically can get out of this Legislature. But when it comes to the prerogatives of this body as an institution, we ought to have in our rules a statement that would indicate we're not going to allow those prerogatives to be taken from...

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...us, and especially will we not give them over by default. The bills, as Senator Nelson touched on, that fell to vetoes without a chance for override, were not just money bills. I had an election bill that the Governor, because of meanness, vetoed, meanness and political considerations, vetoed. There were other bills that would have benefitted poor women and their children, she vetoed, out of what I consider to be meanness and an anti-woman stance. Women are hated everywhere. Women even hate women. It's a good thing that there are some men who really love women, individually, collectively and all these things. Senator Labeledz has her hand on her hip, looking at me asking, what in the world am I saying. I said what I said. I'm like Pilate on this. What I have said, I have said. But often those who are oppressed identify more with the oppressor than they do with themselves and their best interest. And in trying to cheese up to the oppressor, they show the oppressor that they can out oppress.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That has been the case throughout history and with every group. But in this instance the Legislature, being the body that has allowed itself to be oppressed by this rule should say, enough is enough.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, please. Senator Wesely on deck.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't know if it really makes a whole lot of difference what is done with this. I keep thinking about the 90th day, how you are