

who damage the ground and crops. We'll argue about plastics, polystyrene and become very exercised and disturbed. We'll talk about protecting the environment, having clean air for people to breathe, fresh water for them to drink, uncontaminated soil from which to produce food. Then when we come to the Constitution and rights that are fundamental to the people, the Legislature will cavalierly turn its back on those issues. I'm prepared for it and I expect it because that's the nature not only of this Legislature, but legislatures all over the country and the U.S. Congress. Were it not for the U.S. Constitution, there would be pillaries, there would be cropping of ears, there would be cutting off of thumbs, hanging people by their thumbs, there would be castrations, there would be all types of cruelties and barbarisms and the proof lies in the fact that when the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was being considered. Those who opposed it said it may be necessary to crop some ears, to mutilate some villains. That's the attitude of some people who wind up in legislative bodies and those who push for the 8th Amendment said that because you get these nuts in these legislatures and you get these people who are so weak and spineless that they are carried away by every tide of public indignation. There are certain rights of the citizens that must be protected in the Constitution so that if you want to draw an analogy the Constitution can reach out its strong arms, enclose these people whose rights are about to be abridged and carry them to safety through a sea of legislative nonsense, inanity and stupidity. That's what the Constitution is for and that's why courts and others want to take certain citizens' protections out of the Constitution. Then the whim of the Legislature prevails. We have seen the lobby control this body. From time to time numerous members have stood up to talk about the impropriety of having people outside this Legislature determine...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what becomes the law. If we're dealing with fundamental rights of citizens, the Constitution should not be tinkered with in such a way as to take those guarantees and protections away and leave them in the hands of a Legislature which often is irresponsible and more often is weak, weak. There are some issues that the Legislature simply cannot be trusted to deal with properly under any and all circumstances and that's why some things are left to the care of the Constitution. And I think the right of a citizen to appeal to