

agency. So I think what we're doing here today, if my understanding is correct, is attempting to raise some of these questions and getting the Legislature to think about them and perhaps getting the Historical Society to think about them, because we seem to be in a situation where we don't have a lot of say in what happens and yet we do and are asked on a yearly basis to give money to the State Historical Society. Perhaps it's time to reevaluate. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please. Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, whenever a small, powerless group wins a victory, the victory is not really won. It doesn't stay won. When they exist in a hostile society such as that in Nebraska, we have legislators who will continue to back the activity of an association like the State Historical Society. I see them as a white citizens' council. I remember...and that was one of those offshoots of the Ku Klux Klan. That was one of the euphemisms that was used during the south to identify them. The racism is blatant. The hatred of native Americans is patent. The contempt for the Legislature is something that would not be tolerated if some other agency were disregarding a law that had been passed by this Legislature. But because it deals with a group of people who have been despised for so long, mistreated for so long and held in such low esteem, the legislators sit back and watch a racist, yes, I said racist for James Hanson, do his dirt on these people and show contempt for the laws of this state, and there are senators who back him, following behind that man like some dogs will do a female dog in heat, knowing the contempt is shown, know that the man lies. If there were a senator who traveled around the country using state funds carrying women with him, you know what the newspapers would be saying; you know the editorials that would be written. When we have these white men sitting up here writing articles for the World-Herald and a white man in Omaha who is a lawyer will say he has studied a few history books, they will describe him as a historian, they will describe him as an expert. I graduated from a white Jesuit university in Omaha. I had...my major was history. I had to take comprehensive exams, oral and written. Do you ever hear the World-Herald refer to me as a historian? No. And I can demonstrate my knowledge. It's because of the contempt they also have. Where are the editorials? Where are the objectively written articles? It's clear what their attitude and their