

here to us. We're really selfish in this country. We don't know what it's all about but, boy, we can sure stand and talk about how bad it is somewhere else but we're bad for being there to keep it from coming here to us and our kin. And I just had to stand and say that because I feel as strongly as you do, Ernie, and I have the right given to me by this country to stand and say that. The others can all sit here and be quiet and listen to it or start talking when you talk like this, or leave the floor, and I was going to at first, Ernie, but then I thought, no, I'm not, he's going to hear from me and he's going to have to sit there and listen to me once I tell him that I totally disagree with you and I totally take offense at some of the things that you have said and I hope some other people in this room do too. Usually, I give you the respect of not standing and saying this but I don't think today that I should have to do that. Now, back to a saner note, I am going to offer an amendment that simply will change the word...and I think this is a simple way to do it, and I hope the introducers of the bill would be agreeable to this, since we have those people that don't want to say that we should show this kind of recognition to those people, then what I'm going to suggest is that in Section 4, on line 24, we simply change the word from "shall" to "may" and leave it up to the discretion of those folks then at a request that's been made of them to determine whether or not they would want to fly this flag. And just in closing, I want to say that all of us here should keep in mind that regardless of some of the bad things, of course, that this country does, that any of us as individuals do or our state does, still we have the freedom to stand up here and say what we think and, Ernie, you've done it a lot of times.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. We will now go to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when it's necessary to pass civil rights legislation for me to get some modicum of rights, I don't have the right to citizenship in this country. They don't have to pass civil rights bills for white people. They don't have to issue presidential executive orders. They don't have to have Supreme Court decisions and we still don't have our rights. We have a situation in Omaha where an employee of the Omaha school system used very racist derogatory terminology to young black people and the school board brought him back after acknowledging that those things happened. A professor or teacher at Burke High