

only recognized the slave trade which means they trade in us like you all trade in livestock today could not be touched by the United States government until 1808. And there is another nefarious provision in the Constitution. Any part of the Constitution could be amended, any part of it could be wiped out, any part of the Constitution save one and that one which the Constitution itself said could not be amended was the one that protected the slave trade until 1808. The slave trade was elevated in importance above every other provision in the United States Constitution. I read these documents of government.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I learned the Declaration of Independence by heart because it was such a mockery and much in the Constitution is a mockery for people of my complexion to this day. If the Declaration of Independence were adhered to, if the Constitution were adhered to, we would not need civil rights legislation because I, indeed, would be a citizen of this country and entitled to all the rights that you all have by virtue of being citizens. But the very laws that are enacted ostensibly to give me some of what the Constitution supposedly gives me points out how much is wrong with this country and those wrongs must be addressed until they are righted and things like Senator Hefner is trying to do will not right anything. If the flag stands for that which is strong and viable, you do not need to make it a crime to desecrate the flag.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What it stands for is supposed to be more important.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support this resolution. I understand that the United States of America's history is not very long but it certainly has its share of blemishes and tarnish. But the flag is the symbol of that that transcends the actions of men who do evil in and out of government and I think that is the spirit that brings those people who would like to see this resolution pass and across the United States of America. Interestingly enough, I agree that respect for the flag can't be mandated. It must be taught and people of my generation who