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designation, you demean not only yourself, but your people, your culture, your heritage and everything that you symbolize and that you are. To have inmates approach a Board of Parole where the chairman has already said he is a caucasian, you all didn't know that. If you saw him, you wouldn't know that he is a caucasian like everybody in this room except me. And if you were lining up people in Scottsbluff to give a job in the cane fields based on appearance, you wouldn't know you were sending a caucasian out there when you sent him because that's where he would go. For those of you who have not seen Steve, he's not one of these people who through some coming together of recessive genes has very pale skin, blue eyes, and blonde hair, no. He doesn't have the traits of my mother. You look at him and you know what he is and his people know what he is and we all know what he is, not only from the standpoint of what he genuinely is based on his ancestry, but what he professes to be. We know he is a man who, if he cannot be satisfied and comfortable with his own selfhood, how is he going to inspire confidence in the inmates who must come before him? Having served as a prosecutor who has put people in the penitentiary, why should they now have to come to him who is supposed to be the objective, dispassionate, detached judge sitting as the chairman of the Board of Parole? He does not get involved in the activities that would stamp him as the individual suitable to fill this slot that was created in statute for a minority member. One of the first things he'd probably do if you confirm him, and I hope you don't, is to make sure that this material I handed out to you that I got from the correctional service from Miss Judy Egger about the percentages and numbers of various racial groups in the penitentiary, they designate black, Hispanic, American Indian, other and white. Mr. Renteria will say stop lumping Hispanics with these others and put them with white.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that would increase the number and percentage of white people and lessen the number and percentage of nonwhite people. What kind of nonsense is that? Why are we going to take words and say that they don't mean what we all know they mean? We're not functioning in a vacuum. We are functioning in a system where racism is rampant. And if those whose job it is, at least partly, to mitigate it, they cannot be a part of the problem while claiming to be the forger of the solution. This was a mistake on the part of the Governor to