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little tinhorn, then it is a different matter.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Senator Chambers, your light is on again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Something else that get...oh, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, something else that gets to me on this floor, we are supposed to be the realists in this world as politicians. Then some people would sit there with shocked looks on their face when I say what I am saying. I don't get it, and that is a popular expression that people apply to people when they think that that individual is not taking the position they want that individual to take. But I am going to put the words out there, and it is for a reason. If people can take umbrage at my mere words, and my words can't hurt anybody. My words take no food off of anybody's table. My words don't do anything to cripple an individual, but you all are not offended at what the Governor is doing, and you think that man who wants us to do something to hurt these people should be exempt from criticism, but you can be upset at my words, where are your priorities? Where are your values? I do this for teaching purposes. Whether anybody listens or not, whether anybody pays attention or has their mind changed is of no moment anymore. Some things need to be in the record, and some things need to be said on the floor of this Legislature, and it needs to be clear that there is at least one person who is not playing that game of pretending that everything is all right when everything is all wrong. Why do you think they elect us and send us down here by districts? Because we are supposed to have a degree of independence that we wouldn't have if we all ran on a slate and one power put us all down here. But the effect is the same when people are intimidated by money, political position, or other accoutrements of influence that this society recognizes. Unfortunately the poor have none of those things. So when the poor are being spoken for, it is necessary to push harder, to fight with more vigor, and to be more energetic in trying to bring about the result that would equate to justice. So these politicians are not to be comfortable while I am speaking. They are to be properly branded, and as for the flunkies in here who run behind the Governor, sniffing after him, they are like what Alexander Hamilton said about the people; like a great beast bridled, saddled, and waiting to be ridden. That's what you all are and that's what he thinks of you. If he thought you had any self-respect, he wouldn't have sent a bill like this over here, but he knows what he is dealing with. You think he doesn't hear all the yammering and yapping about pro-life and protecting