

than what we do here in the Legislature. First of all, this is something which the chamber of commerce is incapable of doing, they cannot distinguish between the Legislature, which is the policymaking, lawmaking body of this state, and a private company which is in business to make profit to the greatest extent by any means available. She can't make that distinction either. Who is going to pay the cost of the problems created by these companies practices? That is the question. And I'm sure anybody outside this Legislature could understand it. But when you have to put your mind in reverse in order to accommodate and placate the chamber of commerce, you are not able to deal realistically with this situation. This is not a matter that requires a rocket scientist to understand. And if these kind of things were being done to white people it would be stopped, it wouldn't even be allowed to start in the first place. That's what the real issue is, and this is why there have to be advocacy agencies and there have to be people like me in these legislative bodies. Nobody on this floor has experienced or suffered these kind of problems. And when people talk about what their ancestors did and what they did as a child that is totally irrelevant because you can look at what they've been able to do because they are not cursed with the complexion which in this country is deemed criminal. And I'll tell you why I say criminal. If you accuse somebody who's supposed to be white of being black, they can sue you for having defamed them. And Abraham Lincoln, way back then, handled a case for an individual...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who brought a lawsuit. When it was rumored that Alexander Hamilton had black blood, because he was born in the West Indies, people talk about that being a slur against him. This is in American history. So you say the blood that I have in my veins constitutes a slur. Then we have people who are demeaned and exploited in the United States under a constitution and people say it's too onerous on a company to protect their rights as human beings so that you won't alienate some members of an exploitive company. It boggles my mind and I'll continue to fight against things like Senator Bromm's amendment, but he and I may be able to reach an accord.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any further discussion on the Bromm amendment? Hearing none, Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close. And I might advise the body that