

Chambers followed by Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen said that the localities, the states have a better grasp of what is good for the citizens than the federal government does. In some cases, that may be true, but right now, Senator Kristensen, there is a lawsuit in federal court based on the denial of fair participation in elections to Native Americans in Thurston County. And a federal magistrate just said that the case should proceed and the Indians do not have adequate representation on the governing bodies in those areas, and the reason I use the term "Indians" that is what it used in the article, and that's how this issue is framed. But if it were left to the state, there would not be the adequate representation. There would be no forum to correct the problem, and it is only by virtue of being able to go to the federal government through the federal courts, which can make the states do what the states don't want to do. States still want to discriminate against minority group persons. In nineteen ninety and five, they still want to do it and they still do it and Nebraska is doing it. And I am so keenly aware of racism and bring it up so much because I suffer it in Nebraska, and I will never stop talking about it just because white people are made uncomfortable or they get angry and don't like it. Just stop the discrimination. Bring an end to the racist act and you will end my discussions of it, but until that which triggers the discussion goes away, I will continue to discuss it, and that's my responsibility. As far as the federal government knowing better, if you talk about the people who comprise the officeholders, I would agree with Senator Kristensen and anybody else that we often have lunkheads who are sent there, and Nebraska has sent its share. They sent Tweedledum and Tweedledummer in the form of Hruska and Curtis. Here was the only...the only senator sent from a state, a mediocre state, saying, when time came to put somebody on the Supreme Court of the United States, well, mediocre people need somebody on the Supreme Court to represent them too, that's what Hruska said. Curtis still doesn't believe that Nixon did anything wrong, and one of the cartoons I will never forget was where Nixon was like Humpty Dumpty with lines all through it, the egg about to shatter of its own weight, and here is Carl Curtis standing down there under the wall waiting to catch Humpty Dumpty because he thinks Humpty Dumpty has done nothing wrong and has been inappropriately dealt with. So there are some fools who wind up holding office in federal positions. But we are talking in this