

the big corporations, if they have any, to the wealthy people, to those who carry the financial and political power. The same is true at the state level. Is the Micron example, is the ConAgra experience to indicate how capable these states are of looking out for the interest of the people? Is that any better than what the federal government does? There is a shameful litany of actions by the state and local governments which I could give you if I wanted to take the time. The problem is that most people in America can read, so you can say they are literate, but they are not informed. They don't pay attention to anything that is happening. People in public office don't pay attention to what's happening, and most of all, they don't read history so things seem to happen up in mid air. They have no roots. They don't have a tradition that would explain to people how what is happening today came to be. So as a result, ideas that seem radical, foreign, or even alien are not any of those things. They flow directly from what this country supposedly is based upon and what it is to be about. But anybody who talks about fair employment opportunity is hit with the racist buzzword, aha, affirmative action, which means lowering standard. Well, remember this, brothers and sisters, I sit in a lot of committees and I hear these white people come who are big shots with corporations. I get a chance to interrogate bankers. They are not intimidating...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to me. Their intelligence level is not high. Their literate level is not high. They are not that well informed, and I am telling you from my experience, I'm not like one of these black people that you can talk to and say, well, you want to lower standards, because they haven't been on the inside like I have for a quarter of a century. I've dealt with reporters. I have dealt with editors. I have dealt with Governors, Secretaries of...well, only one Secretary of State since I have been in office, and I am not impressed. So the local values, as they are called, translate in my mind to racism, sexism, homophobia, discrimination. We cannot even get a bill out of a committee that would prevent discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation when they are trying to get or hold a job to take care of their family and other responsibilities. And I believe that the states are better able to do things than the federal government?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Witek.