

have been consumed long, long ago. I couldn't function. I'd probably be in one of those institutions where they put padding on the walls, but I know what human nature is. I know that it takes a tremendous amount of effort, and sometimes a long time, to bring people, when we are dealing with a controversial subject, from one point to another. Sometimes it succeeds, sometimes it does not. But because I'm elected to this body to do the best that I can, I have an obligation on this bill, on other bills, which I think are important enough for me to take the time, to raise these issues. As a member of the Legislature, sometime we enact into law what I have called trash legislation, and I am embarrassed to be hooked to the Legislature. One such matter is LB 830, the Micron bill. I am ashamed of that, even though I fought it and voted against it. When the roll is called up yonder or wherever it is called, all they put down is that the Legislature in 1995 did this terrible thing and Chambers was a member of the Legislature. When the ship goes down, everything on it goes down too. So on these kinds of matters, and when we are talking about the Constitution, whether the U.S. or the State Constitution, I must speak up for those two documents, even though there is much in both of them which I find offensive to me, as a black man, but because it is not a perfect document, and no document put together by human beings will be, and I abhor what is called the worst of the constitution, that document at the state level and the federal level still represent the best chance that somebody in my situation will have to get some kind of justice. So even if it is not much, people talk about fighting a lion with a toothpick. Well, that doesn't give you much chance, but I'd rather have the toothpick than not have it. So the things that are in the constitution designed to ensure people's rights against improper encroachment by the state, or the federal government, or any political subdivision, I have to speak strongly in favor of those proposals, even though they are acknowledged in the breach more than they are by being followed. As long as they are a part of the organic law of the country and the state, I at least have an arguing point. I can try to embarrass, I can try to cajole, I can try to put my situation the same or position it similar to that of somebody whose rights they want to protect.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All these things are necessary, and this, in a nut shell, is why I will fight so hard on this floor to uphold