

say will have in the total scheme of things, I'm going to have that little impact and I'm going to vote against Senator Pirsch's amendment basically for the reasons that I gave. That statement that America is devoted to liberty and freedom, or whatever it is, for all, or justice, is not true.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, you know Senator Chambers has been making some points, and I know a lot of us get concerned about some of those. But I'm going to rise and say that I think he is making a very important point. And although it doesn't tie in particularly with the resolution at hand, he...I've had a gentleman, and I don't know his name, who has come in to talk to me in the Capitol about how prejudiced we are and we don't even know it. And he's talked about the situation in Boston where the guy said, my wife was killed by some blacks who came along, everybody believed that. They ended up he killed his own wife, they were white. The situation with the Smith mother and the children that were...disappeared, had been taken away by black people. No, it wasn't, it was the mother doing it herself. And you believe it. There is inside of you, every one of us, a predisposition to believe certain things that may or may not be the case just because that's the image that's being built. I remember the Willy Horton ads in the Dukakis campaign and how that was utilized. And so sensitivity on this, Senator Chambers is sensitive, I think we all should be somewhat sensitive, well, very sensitive to the fact that we can't be allowing our biases to interfere with our judgment. And that happens and I'll admit it in my own case, I'm sure it does with others. But I'd like to recognize that Senator Chambers' point is heard by some of us and felt by some of us. And I think some of us are, in fact, trying to overcome that perspective. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Pirsch, there are no other lights on. You are recognized to close.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I think I will take a few minutes to close. This resolution, of course, was introduced before those tragic, tragic circumstances in Oklahoma City. And I know that our hearts go out to those families of those people and those children that were killed in that most violent of crimes. Horrendous, many adjectives have been said by politicians on the TV, but I don't think in those cases we can even empathize with