

until it began to assume proportions that are so preposterous, so ridiculous, that I could not stay down there and be quiet. This whole thing is a complete turn-off to me because I am a member of the Legislature, and I look at this kind of activity and I see the utter confusion, the lack of intellect, and all the types of things which if this were a body of black people would be the...would result in editorials portraying us as illiterate, as savage, as totally unfit to hold office, and the reason I say it, because down through history there have been such editorial cartoons against black people. These kind of statements that are made about superiority, angry white males, diluting of history, the western culture affect me greatly because I watch what those who are products of western civilization and culture do in this Legislature. A lot that was done for public education and the requirement that the government have a deep part to play was created through so-called reconstruction legislation in southern legislatures under the control of black men and women. They saw the need for the government to do things to help citizens and that was the kind of legislation they put in place, and a lot of it is the pattern for what exists now that is accepted as very wise. But during that period, pictures were drawn of them, with bones through their noses, with their feet propped up on the desks, speaking in broken English, because here they are trying to tell white people how to run a society. But after they were thrown out as a result of a betrayal by the national administration, much of that legislation was retained because of the wisdom of it. So if I were a cartoonist, I would be drawing cartoons about how incapable white people are of handling the responsibilities of government. You cannot even pass a budget. You put the rules in place that I voted against, and now you won't follow your rules, and I told you that the day you adopted them. Your rules would bite you before they'd bite me, and the most important thing that you do as a Legislature is to build a budget and you won't even pass it on the day that the rules, you all adopted, say you should pass it. Then you are going to sit around here and act like somehow you are leaders of this state? What will you do if the bill goes back to the committee? You'll wind up making all this noise, like the mountain, and then it will bring forth a mouse. You've got these political bills, like the so-called crime bill, you all know that that's nonsense, but because it is a political move, you are going to spend \$8 million for that, and it's not going to do any good at all. You want to go on with this LB 425, called economic development, because the Governor wants it, and you get lost in