

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they're just coincidental, yet they don't happen to white people who've done worse things than he alleges against these black people that he has gone after with a vengeance. Racism is afoot in this state, racism is in this Legislature, and this bill is a manifestation of racism. And you can pretend that it's not, you can affect wounded innocence, but as a victim of racism all my life I know it when I see it, and that's what we're dealing with here, and you all know it, too. And you know of these examples that I've given you and they're not handled the same way, it's always different. And I will fight this bill because I'll fight this official and systematic racism wherever I see it, and I see it in all of its ugliness in this legislative activity on this bill. You should have just gotten rid of the whole thing.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, would you like to speak once more?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Senator Robak mentioned that...and it wasn't just one person, that the Governor had tried to go after some people on the Parole Board who were white, and he did. But the reason he went after them, because they didn't do what he wanted to do, and the editorial writers were critical of some decisions they made. And even though some of those people on the Parole Board I disagreed with, I believe in the system, and I was the one instrumental in defeating the Governor from doing what he tried to do, because he was doing it in violation of the law. The law stated the conditions under which a person could be removed from the Parole Board. He was using means and methods other than what the law allowed. And even though I had some strong disagreements with those people, because the proper operation of the system and obedience to the law were more important to me than my differences with these people, that I opposed the Governor, and he was defeated in what he tried to do. They were political embarrassments to him, that's why he did it. But he appointed them. I'm talking about these people who head these agencies and serve at his pleasure, he didn't get rid of them. Here's Sonny Foster when he was campaigning for the Governor, was on a plane with the Governor and the plane landed and it caught fire, and Sonny Foster was going to run into the burning plane to get the money and the checks and the other documents from the campaign, and the Governor had to restrain him. That's how loyal Sonny Foster was. But when the