

attack, to accuse, to accuse, to pillory, to investigate in an underhanded, secret way. And then when the person who is the target strikes back, the Governor pretends to be so hurt, and he puts a white woman out there to speak for him. He set this woman up to go out there and say that the Governor has been called a lot of things, but not a racist, and that he and she are disturbed that Chairperson LaVon Stennis would play what they call the race card. The Governor and these other racists like him are the ones who create the situation. And we, as black people, are going to call these things what they are and we're going to deal with them. The Governor's conduct is racist. He did attack the Chairperson of the commission, who was a black woman, he attacked the Vice Chairperson of the commission, who is a Latino woman, and he ignored all the other members of the commission. Now he has given appointments to some of his political cronies, at least one recently from Lincoln whom he adores and treasures as a water carrier, who will do his will. So even though that is the approach which the Governor has taken, it is not one which we, as black people who are alert and conscience of these things, will allow to take place without being challenged. So this bill, LB 886, is just the opening shot in a battle that's going to waged throughout this session. The Governor has offered a lot of bills which he intends to use for political purposes. There are various senators who have decided to carry those bills, and they may as well be in for a strong battle. So I would advise them in the language of the Bible. Gird up the loins of their minds, strap on their swords and be ready to do battle. I am not going to allow this session of the Legislature to pass into oblivion without a thorough, repeated discussion of the racist practices of those who govern the state, the racist activities that are endorsed by the Legislature in supporting those actions. So, as one person and one vote I am not able, with my one vote, to stop any bill. I am not able, with my one vote, to pass any bill. But I assure you that my loaded mouth is more effective and deadly than a loaded gun on the floor of this Legislature. So we are going to be here. And I don't care whether the senators leave the floor, I don't care if they go home, these things that I have to say are going to be said for the record, they will be said for the public who are watching us from gavel to gavel, and I will raise the issues that others will talk about in secret and behind the back of their hand but not openly. Now to get to this specific amendment, starting on page 28, in line 18 through 33, we have this language, so that the public will know