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and not call attention to it, then I would be derelict in my duty. Because I don't have enough time to really say what I want to say on this bill, I want to tell you all a little rhyme that I was taught when I was in elementary school to show the racism that was taught, and it was a white teacher and the class was practically all white. And it was to demean and degrade the gypsies. It said, and it was supposed to be a core speech class. Where do the gypsies come from? The gypsies come from Egypt. The fiery sun begot them, their mother was the desert dry. And while she lay there basking, she gave them food for the asking, and an emperor's bone to play with whenever they tried to cry. What do the gypsies do now? They follow the sun their father. They follow the sun their father, they know not whither nor why. Whatever they see they take it, and if there's a law they break it. So never you talk to a gypsy, or look in a gypsy's eye. That is a term that applies to people in Europe, and that's what we were taught. The term gyp is a play on that word in the same way that the derogatory term, to Jew a person down, or to be an Indian giver. All these things that are part of the language are racist, anti-Semitic, or ethnically deplorable. And I'm going to have to address them until my...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...colleagues become sensitive enough not to use those terms. And if the only way I can make you sensitive is to add white, white, white to everything that is evil or negative, then I'm going to do it. So we will either have no intent, no practice of equating everything with black, or you're going to hear from me a corollary reference to everything evil and negative as white. I think this is a white bill, which means I think it's a bad bill. And I think though it deals with a white subject, which is sexually mistreating children, and something does need to be done, but the bill might overreach because the amendment is such an extensive rewrite of the committee...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...amendments even.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Would like to recognize the doctor of the day, Dr. Gary Rademacher from Nebraska City, in Senator Wehrbein's district. Dr. Rademacher,