

want to say there is not racism widespread; it's improving. Things are getting better. Then when you catch a cop like Fuhrman and you show how vermin-like he is, do you know what the argument is then? Well, you can't really blame him, he is just reflecting the racism in society.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I, who am victimized by the racism in society in general and, specifically, that practiced by cops, I've got to listen to this two-sided conversation. On the one hand, racism is diminishing, but whenever a specific official is shown to be racist, you want to excuse him or her by saying he is just reflecting the racism in society. That's what they said about Marge Schott, that witch who runs the Cincinnati Reds, when she was using racist comments. They said she is just reflecting the racism in baseball. Yet when black people point out that there is racism in baseball, we come up with a denial. Those are the things that I continue...intend to continue discussing for the record and for the public, who I find do watch us during these discussions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members, I am going to rise to oppose the amendment by Senator Lindsay. It is a difficult situation because I wouldn't...it would be hard to argue that we can't use more housing for prisoners at this point. In fact, I've got an amendment following this to proceed with the 480-bed unit. It's really a Catch-22. I can't disagree with a lot of what Senator Chambers has said. I truthfully don't know the answers. I agree, you build, and they will fill them. And that is going to be a continuing problem. On the other hand, I think there are some studies and some showing that we are going to have to continue to put more convicts or prisoners away and locked up away from society. We are increasing in violence, and we see it every day. As we debate this subject, we see more evidence of it. What rationale is there for a 34-year old, as I recall, killing 16 children? What are you going to do with those kinds of things long term? I'd like to discuss that issue a little further now but it probably isn't appropriate. The point is what I do think is appropriate is that we are going to have to consider locking away more violent criminals and,