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and certainly not in this Legislature. I call my female colleagues the bouncing rubber balls. I am going to get a red rubber ball, if I can find one, enough, and give one to each of my female colleagues, and I wish I could find that record, "Red Rubber Ball." I can't say all that I have to say this time, so I got my light on because I must speak again.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is next. Did you want to continue?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and Madam President, even though my approach may seem somewhat lighthearted, I am as serious as a heart attack about the subject. How is any man threatened by the constitution stating explicitly that it embraces women? How? There's that expression that comes from the Bible, when two people are married these two become one flesh and that one is the man. The rule of thumb was based on the fact that you shouldn't beat a woman with a stick with a greater girth than your thumb. They say three things are improved by beating, and I don't know why they put this in, it's a walnut tree, a woman, and a child. Men say those things. If the law applied equally to everybody, why does Congress have to pass laws at the federal level protecting women? Why is it necessary at the state level to prohibit discrimination based on being a woman? Why did it take an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to permit women to vote? Men are too glib when they make these insensitive statements because they have never suffered on the short end of the stick. The beating end of the stick is what we have familiarity with. They all only have experience with the handle end of it. And if a man feels threatened because the constitution recognizes that females are in this society, all I can do is feel sorry for them. If that little change threatens them, I feel sorry for them, and I really mean it. They must live a terribly limited, shrunken, shriveled, empty, frustrating existence. And if that's the case, I'm surprised there are not more suicides among them than there are, but their suicide rate is skyrocketing, especially in the military where the macho man is and the machismo is to express itself, but there is so much in this society which is off the beam, so many inappropriate notions and concepts drilled into young people as they grow up. Many of those things are so contrary that they create differences and divisions within an individual's own mind. They