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importance of this issue, and if the constitution is an airplane, I will tinker, I will tweak, and I will do every thing I can to cause that document to embrace all of the people and protect the rights of all of the people, not just citizens. The U.S. Constitution protects the rights of more than just citizens. There are certain parts of it that will specify certain rights and privileges applied to citizens. Other parts of the constitution will say, all people, every person, any person, no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. No person, when it comes to voting and some of those other civic rights, you have to be a citizen, so some people don't read the constitution carefully. But it is a document, which is elastic. It takes on new meaning to deal with new, unanticipated events in society that could not be foreseen by those who wrote the constitution. That's why courts construe it in a different manner than the manner in which they construe statutes. Statutes are inelastic. The courts say we will not read anything into it that is not there; we will not read anything out of it which is there,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because a statute can easily be changed by a Legislature. It is a truism, which Senator Tyson, I am sure is aware of, that one of those old geezers called a forefather said that the true test of this country and this government is based on how much democracy the people can bear. I think included in that notion must be a respect found in the constitution for the personhood of every individual born of a man and a woman.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Yes, Madam Chairman, I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Tyson wants to indicate that this is not an important matter, but it's obviously important to have gotten him as upset as he is. If