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that he spoke to you about, and I'm going to read from an article. I handed you a packet of articles to give you a context in which I'm arguing. These problems that I'm talking about that confront black people are happening right now in violation of statutes, in violation of constitutional provisions. So, for Senator Byars to say if you write into the statute and say that this stopping a person for a seat belt violation cannot be the basis, for searching and so forth, will prevent inappropriate searches and stops is very naive and unrealistic. On page 4 of the handout that I gave you, and that's where the error is in connection with this, when you get to the bottom of the part of the article that's on page 4, you would have to go back to page 2 of this handout to resume. So I'm going to read, because Senator Byars said he relied on Maryland for this language and, I presume, their experience. Quote...oh, and this is from the Omaha World-Herald, dated August 28, 1998: Nationally, studies and high-profile cases in scattered parts of the country show that profiling continues to be a problem for minorities. The bill in Congress cited figures from the Maryland State Patrol. The figures showed that blacks, who are about 14 percent of the state's population, accounted for 73 percent of drivers pulled over for traffic stops in a 20-month period that began in January of 1995. That study was undertaken or those statistics started to be kept because of a lawsuit filed by a black family that had been stopped on the highway and searched by the Maryland State Patrol. So Senator Byars thinks that there is no problem when black people who make up 14 percent of the population are stopped 73 percent of the time. I had argued again and again that this idea of saying that they get roughly the same number of tickets is totally irrelevant. The number of stops, the number of stops, 73 percent of the stops involve 14 percent of the population. This is one of those bills that I'm not going to try to be reasonable on. I'm going to argue this till the cows come home and I'm going to pick those other constituencies where people say they have a concern and I'm going to go after those bills, too. What you all will not recognize is that black people are literally being killed by these cops. I gave you articles to show you what is happening around the country. Finally, it has reached the point where the U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno, said the question of profiling has to be addressed nationally. She's not happy about doing that. She acknowledged in an