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of authority about the way women are neglected and mistreated by the society, the way the Governor has fallen into that same pattern by way of his appointments. I just happened to come across something over the weekend that made me think of another area that might call the body's attention to how women are treated differently. How many of you have ever seen a female actress as old as Orson Wells, as out of shape as Orson Wells, as overweight as Orson Wells, who was given choice roles in the way that Orson Wells was? You won't find one. Take Marlon Brando--the same thing. Women are held to even a higher standard of physical appearance when you're dealing in the realm of acting, where the roles that people play are different from what those people are in real life. But when a woman becomes old, overweight and subject to all of the ravages of time and the law of gravity, she is shunted aside. Men, instead of being described as old, fat, out of shape and ugly, are described as being handsome, having a powerful presence or image, because men are the ones establishing all of the rules, laying down the standards, and in the same way that some black people can be coopted in speaking in behalf of the slave...masters and oppressors, some women do the same thing and defend those who are harming their interests.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If there were never any problems in the realm of labor-management relations, unions would not exist. Often, a union organizer is deemed an outside agitating troublemaker, but never by the workers, only by those who want to exploit the workers. Sometimes it is necessary for a person, with a degree of detachment which comes from being outside of the battle itself, to counsel those who are being oppressed, to become aware of their situation and to stand against it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Your light is next. You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President. There is a tremendous talent pool going to waste in this country. America is now enmeshed in a global economy. Other countries are providing tremendous competition to this country. Those on the Ag Committee are aware of the agricultural forces and powers