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around the world which are putting this country and its ag producers in a bind. This is apart from what the packers, the shippers, the processors and the other homegrown villains are engaged in. So when a country which is struggling for its economic life is going to give the back of the hand to large groups of people simply because of their gender or race or ethnic derivation, that country is foolish. That country cannot prevail, it cannot survive. Divisions are going to grow, widen, and deepen. I think the Legislature has the responsibility to lead the way on these types of issues. If we, who are elected, are not the most intelligent, sensitive people in this society, we ought to be. There are politicians who are appointed to judgeships and, after being appointed, they became excellent judges, phenomenal judges in some instances. So you could state the principle that whereas it's bad for a judge to be a politician or become a politician, it is not necessarily bad to allow a politician to become a judge. Sometimes, exposure to the issues with which a court system will deal can cause that individual to broaden his or her scope, to come to a deeper understanding of the purpose of the law in helping society to advance, helping to render decisions that will aid in the maturing process of a society. By the same token, the Legislature, which supposedly is the body representatives... representative of the interests of the public, should not be the tail that is dragged along behind public opinion. The Legislature must, on occasion, step to the front and say what is happening now is not what ought to happen. Things can be better than they are. People can behave more nobly than they do, but they must be shown an example and the exemplar should be the Legislature, the exemplars should be the legislators. So every time one of these nominations comes before us this session I'm going to vote against it if it's for a white male. And, when I think it appropriate, I will have commentary of the type that I've given this morning. Repetition sometimes is the only way that some lessons can be driven home and, on occasion, even repetition is not...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...successful. But since I have neither the right nor the inclination nor the energy to go around this Chamber and grab each member by the throat and choke him or her