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nobody should drop their guard because I said, and this doesn't refer to Senator Brashear, I said the closer you get to the nest the louder the vipers will begin to hiss, and if you get close enough they will attack you. And I'm sure all my colleagues just say, well, (laugh) that's a nice little turn of phrase; that ain't nothing; we got this bill locked up. I know these lobbyists and I know these big powerful interests. They're patient. They believe in ambushes. They believe in making the best use of time and, given enough time, they can bring various pressures to bear on individuals that will cause them to either not be present when a vote of an affirmative nature is needed, or will get them to vote "no." This bill is one in which I have no interest other than trying to see that justice is done. Whether it passes or not is going to be of no moment whatsoever to my district. I'm in one of those districts where whatever happens in the rest of society is not going to make that much difference because we're like those who are on the underside of the garment and we get the short end of the stick all the time, and nobody cares. But they like to have somebody like me when help can be derived from me. I look at President Clinton, who had his bacon partially saved by black people in the House and also defending him before the Senate as legal counsel. But now that black people are mentioning that it's clear how we are being targeted by the police and, in some cases, by civilians, is his administration going to start some initiative to address the race problem, and his spokespersons say, well, we can't talk about that right now. But you let him get his rear end in the wringer again, and he'll come running to black people, saying, support me, support me. And that's the same way it will be on this...the floor of this Legislature. I'm all right when I'm supporting and lending strength or even providing the glue that will hold together a group of people who otherwise wouldn't know how to proceed. But when it comes to something that means a great deal to me, some of the people fly in all directions away from that issue.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But fortunately for those who need these issues fought for, I will not resort at this time to revenge, which drives some of my colleagues. I'm going to turn on my light again and speak more directly to the issue before us.