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think the bill is that complicated, it's easy to understand, and I'm going to watch the way my colleagues vote, and I'm going to listen any time during the session when they stand up and say something in behalf of women or their daughters. Senator Landis talked about having a picture in your wallet of your grandchildren or your children. Some of you might have a picture of a daughter or a granddaughter, but she means nothing to you except when you want to show it and act like somehow if there is credit that ought to be attached to her existence you're entitled to some of that. But when we...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...should do something, we won't do it. And why not? Because you have no respect for women, and women need to wake up and realize that and don't be grinning in these men's faces and pretending that everything is all right. You ought to give them the cold shoulder. You ought to shun them. But they know you've been conditioned to such an extent that you will, as they hope black people will do, smile when nothing is funny, scratch when you don't itch, and pretend that you're happy when you're in a set of circumstances that would drive them to commit homicide. So I'm going to watch and be instructed once again on the total lack of respect that my colleagues have for women, and I've seen the way women have been mishandled even in this Legislature, as I pointed out last session, in the way we made committee assignments and elected Chairpersons...Chairwomen. I think...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'll start using the word "woman" every time I address a man now.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Oh, am I being recognized? (Laugh)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I would just like to ask...I mean, I don't want to prolong the