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ghetto, and going to meetings where we are the scapegoats for everything wrong in this society, the monster that they had to fear was in their own home. The monster they have to fear came from a merging of the mother and the father, not a monster under the bed that terrifies children, but a child sleeping in the bed brought into this world by the parents. And for some of these children it's not enough...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to kill their parents. They then go to school and they try to kill classmates. And now that white children are doing this, I don't hear the talk that they always gave when they want to focus on black children about there being some genetic defect, some inherent propensity toward violence. No, because it's their children now. And the whole attitude is often encouraged by the laws enacted by legislatures, legislatures peopled by individuals who are politicians first and caring, compassionate adults second, third, or even farther down the line. I'm going to speak one more time on this.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, recognized to continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I often talk to young people's groups. I've had young white children tell me that they wish I was their father. Senator Bohlke even shared a letter that one had written some time ago, a young girl. She felt that if her father were like me she could talk to him about anything; that he would not put her down and, when she has a problem, make it even worse by the way he treated her. We were all children. We knew what it meant to be mistreated, and by that I don't mean necessarily somebody beat you with a stick or put cigarettes out on you; just being unconcerned, insensitive, telling you to shut up, be seen and not heard and all these other crazy things, hiding you in the closet if you looked a certain way. And now that we're adults and don't really have to think that hard to remember things we were aware of that other adults were doing to children, things that were inappropriate, we forget all that when we put laws in place. We forget that these laws are impacting on living beings, children in being, not fetuses, not embryos, not zygotes, and we will argue much more heatedly over fetal tissue than we will over the full developed, birthed into