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rendition of Thomas Jefferson's abuse of a young black slave, trying to make it look like this is...this was a high, lofty, spiritual relationship. But when you profess, and the laws allow you to do it, to own a woman as property, and you can take her body and her sex whenever you want to, there is no love there, there is nothing noble about it, nothing dignified. If his poor old wife was dead at the time, that would spare him from having been guilty of adultery, but he probably committed these acts while she was alive. And, if she had croaked, then he's guilty of fornication, but he's held up to the children as a great man. He probably saw every black woman on that plantation who appealed to his lecherous nature as a barefoot vagina, inviting him. And that is the kind of man who is lionized in the schools and whom our children are taught to respect. And when we look at these things in American history, people such as myself are to look the other way and not say anything about it because white people have a different image and a different agenda that they want to promote. Well, I owe something to my race. I owe something to black children and I certainly owe something to black women. And whenever I have the opportunity, thanks to a Governor who feels that women don't have the qualifications that white men have, I will be given several more opportunities while we're in session this time around. And I plan to take those opportunities. Fifty years from now, when none of us remains in the Legislature, and our record is reviewed, I wonder how people will judge the things that we did and the things that we said against the reality out there in the world that we should have been addressing? How can we insist that others do righteously, when we don't do righteously ourselves? We will not even speak in the way that we ought to. But when one person must assume the work of a large number, that one may tend to develop a bit more aggressiveness in approach, a bit more forcefulness in articulating ideas and that is because the workload is not evenly distributed or spread around. So people will drop their head, act like certain things are not even happening and hope that they will just go away. I don't know why people want public office if they're too cowardly to deal with the issues. Is it to fatten up a resume? Is it to be in a position to be given lunches and other things that Freddie the Freeloader is notorious for seeking out and devouring? Or is it to have the opportunity to rub elbows with and be praised by lobbyists,