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Bradley said, my billfold is in bad shape. A wallet in the hands of a white man looks like a wallet. A wallet in the hands of a black man looks like a pistol. I'm going to collect some articles to show you all what I'm talking about because there was a 14 or 13-year-old black kid who was shot by a New York cop because he had a candy wrapper and the cop thought the candy wrapper was a gun, 14-year-old black kid. But they can see a white kid with a gun and they don't blow him away. There are those of us who know how these laws are enforced and I do not want a law which, when we are discussing it, can be discussed in terms of maybe the prosecutor knows something about this individual, therefore, this one will be gone after. That's not the way to draft these laws, and maybe somebody with Senator Broemm has pride of authorship, but I'm the one on this floor voting. And if my back gets up the wrong way on this bill, then I'm going to show just what I feel about a bill that's going to be used in this way that I think can be used unfairly. I don't think it's enough to say Senator Hilgert raised a valid point and then we're going to dismiss it and let it go. I bet Senator Kristensen is not going to say, well, some valid points were raised about this television bill and subsidizing these other television broadcasters and radio people by giving them some tax refunds, you raised good points so I'm just going to let that go. We won't talk about that anymore. That won't happen. When we talk about LB 1234, and I've raised some good points, you are not going to say, well, Ernie raised some good points, we'll just let it go now. But when it comes to those groups of people who are the despised and rejected people in this society, then enough is done to acknowledge, well, yeah, a problem exists there, and then those who are not affected by it let it go. But you let something not nearly as serious happen to one of them and they do scream like a pig with his nose stuck under a gate. I hear it on this floor all the time. And those issues are not matters literally of life or death. You don't see white people driving their car and getting shot down unarmed. You would never see four black men in plain clothes in an unmarked car run upon a white man in the foyer of his home and shoot at him 41 times and hit him 19 times, and one through the bottom of his foot, and they say, well, these four black guys were scared to death that they were going to die so they shot this unarmed white man, so let him go. That doesn't happen to white people in this country, but it happens to me and mine, Senator Aguilar