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the Indians that he was not the leader, because the leader was always the bravest man and the bravest man was always black. There were many tribes who were thought to be hostile, but York was able to diffuse this hostility. I got my light on again. I want to finish this, so I will give this little time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator, you can continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you. The territory, by the way, that they were exploring was the Louisiana Purchase and many people don't realize...they know about Thomas Jefferson, who was the President, and Napoleon, who was a Frenchman. The reason Napoleon dumped the Louisiana Territory was because his troops had been dealt a devastating defeat in Haiti. The ones, the triumvirate, responsible for that were Toussaint L'Ouverture, Henri Christophe, and Dessalines. So when they whipped the French army, it let France and the rest of the world know that France would never be able to establish a foothold in this hemisphere, so they dumped that purchase and from that territory 13 states were carved; my memory, as you all know, begins to fade as I get older than some of my colleagues, (laugh) Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Montana. In American schools they teach about the two-legged stool--Thomas Jefferson and Napoleon. But a stool, to stand upright, must have at least three legs. The third leg is composed of the triumvirate I named from Haiti. So these things ought to be known and I said all this to say that...say that to say this. I think it would be appropriate, since this commission is going to be established and there will be an overabundance of white people, as will be the case because white people make up the majority of the population, but there are black people who have knowledge of what has happened in this country. There are black people who played a part. York played a crucial part, he was actually Clark's slave. In softening it they say he was a man servant and he was inherited by Clark from his father, and when the expedition was over the report is that Clark freed him. But, nevertheless, he played a crucial role. And here's the question I would ask of Senator Schimek, who is...has been waiting to exhale.