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we called, in those days, taking up for a...we would say "girls" in those days, because that's what it would be, a girl. Well, I take up for women. I was not asked to do this by Senator Thompson. She might wish that I wouldn't do it, because it involves her. But it also involves me. And when I see people picking and choosing the individuals they're going to attack publicly...he put at the bottom of his letter that he was sending it to a member of the media, by name, Scott Bauer, which is his prerogative. But it's clear it was designed to be a public relations propaganda-type broadside, rather than anything that would contribute to worthwhile discussion. And that rascal had the nerve to say this, what Senator Thompson said, was, quote, precisely the kind of negative rhetoric that I cautioned against in my inaugural address when I urged that we use civility and respect during the very difficult budget deliberations that we all face, unquote. Now he's going to come over here and dump some mess in the Legislature and tell us to just sit back and don't say anything in an angry tone of voice, as though he's somebody's father. Well, maybe he's somebody's father on this floor, but he's not mine, and he doesn't own me, and he doesn't tell me how to conduct myself, and he doesn't determine for me what constitutes civility. Civility does not inhere only in the tone of the voice or the volume with which you speak. It can inhere in the very words that are used. And they can be spoken softly, or they can be spoken seductively, like sandpaper on silk. And there can be great incivility in the words themselves. The Governor...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...needs to know that he does not run every aspect of this Legislature. And I'll take issue with him, any other public official, any editor. And I am an easy target. I'm like Shakespeare, such a big target, they can throw a dart anywhere near me and strike somewhere. I'm that big a target. And I can take it. And my skin is not thin. And if he's the Governor, he needs to grow up, get out of those short britches, take off that Little Lord Fauntleroy bow tie, stop being Mr. Milquetoast, and stand up and be a man and deal with men against whom he has a grievance, and not pick on women. Not that Senator Thompson cannot speak for herself. But I was