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literally slaughtered millions of animals. They had what they call sharpshooters running throughout England, shooting these cattle and pigs. And these animals were terrified. They were running, they were crying out, and they were shot. And up to two days after being shot, and stacked in these huge piles that would be burned, cows were still blinking, still making sounds of pain. And Mother England, which is where civilization supposed to...is supposed to have been at such a high level, is where this terrible brutality was taking place. When they showed pictures of this around the world, there was an outcry. There was an African tribe which offered to take all of those sick animals, because they can be nursed back to health. They are not hazardous to the health of human beings. But naturally, the offer was not accepted. And those Africans, my forebears, who are deemed to be savage, understand nature and the relationship of human beings to nature better than the more highly civilized white people, as the story goes, and as it was taught to me when I was in school. They thought it was a terrible thing to slaughter these animals in that way. To bring up something else that might jog your mind, along the lines of what I'm talking about, in terms of people in Africa...and there are other societies indigenous to a country who have a much closer, understanding relationship with nature. Bees known as Africanized bees have made their way into this country. They produce more honey. So money is what brought them here. Again, human beings messing with Mother Nature. They call them killer bees now. There was one of these nature programs which showed how an African man gets honey from these killer bees. And remember, these bees have been living in Africa from time immemorial, and they haven't been killing African people; they kill white people, because white people don't understand them. They think they can brutalize and dominate these bees in the way they dominate and brutalize weaker peoples. This man had on what you would call maybe a loincloth. That's all. He took the smoke pot, which calms bees. He climbed this limb...it was sloping from the ground...up to where this huge nest of so-called killer bees was.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He moved the smoke pot, removed the amount of