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because, remember, this country at one time constituted British colonies. So they would go up in the balcony and they would look down at the senators. And they said, from the way they could analogize, the House was like the Commons in England and the Senate was like the House of Lords. The only problem was they had no lords for the purpose. Many people who were in the Senate were uncouth. They were ignorant. They had been sent there to carry out the work of special interest groups, and they were more forthright than occurs today. Now they would not wear a placard saying I belong to the railroad, or I work for Jim Beam; he owns me. But from their votes, everything they said and did, you knew exactly who owned each one of these senators. So people would look down and watch this spectacle and felt it would be just a matter of time before America's government would have to disintegrate. The Senate was more sedate than the House, but there were some mean motor scooters in the Senate, especially when the antislavery agitation was going on. There was a man from Massachusetts named Charles Sumner, and he was one of the strongest...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...antislavery voices on the floor of the Senate. As Mr. Sumner, Senator Sumner, the honorable senator from Massachusetts, was discussing the wrongs of slavery, a fellow from one of those Carolinas, it might have been South Carolina, took offense and felt something had been said that was a personal insult. So when Mr. Sumner had taken his seat, his legs were under the desk, and the desk was fastened to the floor, and this scoundrel from South Carolina named Preston Brooks approached Sumner from the back with a large hickory stick and beat that man bloody, almost to death, on the floor of the U.S. Senate because he dared to speak against the evils and the atrocities attendant...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...upon slavery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, and Senator