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know, provisions that we don't even understand, and they are to be adopted casually and made a part of Nebraska law. Why? Because people who went into the National Guard as a dodge, in some cases, from active duty when there was a draft, who see it as easy money for doing very little if any work, to have the opportunity to get political promotions where they will get more money. There are people who worked at the post office, with the police department, and other places who were enticed into the National Guard and given positions and promotions and made to know that that's what the guard is about. I know what the National Guard is about. There was a time that I was going to mention earlier the other day when I had mastered the Nebraska Military Code because while on active duty, the summer camp they go to, a young black National Guardsman, they called it a mock hanging. These racists from Mississippi, with his Nebraska colleagues watching, put a rope around his neck, threw it over a limb, attached it to the back of a vehicle and lifted him off the ground. And I took issue with it. That's how General Winner got in trouble and others in the Nebraska National Guard. They tried to make it a joke and it wasn't serious. And I even caused problems for the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, and that's when they were blatant in their racism more than they are now. And I was told there is nothing I can do about these people in Mississippi, but I got the kind of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...publicity that embarrassed the Governor of Mississippi, and if anybody is interested in the articles, I keep extensive detailed archives. His name was Dan Brisco (phonetic). He fell into a deep depression. He wound up shooting himself in the head and he never recovered and he died. And based on what I insisted on, Nebraska National Guard doesn't go down south to train anymore. People sit on this floor and on their rear ends and don't know anything, but I know and I have to conduct myself as one who does know. You all can be as ignorant as you choose. I'm not going to conduct myself as an ignorant man when I know better and I'm not going to dumb myself down to where my colleagues are to get along with you all to not offend those people in the National Guard, that is insane. I