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and I didn't vote for it--aside from that, nothing in this constitution pertains to me. So I'm wondering why I should be so incensed when these different special interest groups will come to us and say, take the document that is the organic law of this state and contaminate it, dilute it, reduce it to the level of a common statute, a city ordinance, or a county board resolution. They will have us trying to name sticks and stones and fish and birds and rocks in the constitution. And this Legislature will seriously consider it. When I'm out of here in four years, I will not come back to this place for any purpose. The advice that is in the New Testament that I will accept is this: I will shake the dust of this city off my shoes, and I will not pass this way again. I will have done while in this Legislature everything I could to try to teach those whose constitution it is, those whose country it is, how they ought to respect that which is theirs. This is not black people's constitution; it's white people's constitution. Sometimes, though, it takes those who have been deprived, on the outside, and who are without, to tell those who have everything and take it for granted, you need to stop, you need to take a deep breath, you need to look at what you have, and you need to treasure those things that are worthy of being treasured. Now if you are silly like a child, you might see a diamond in one hand, a rhinestone in the other, and since they look just alike, you'll take the rhinestone because it's bigger. It is not the size, it is not the quantity; there is a matter of quality and worth, rarity, that gives value to things. A constitution is more than just words on paper. Although for my people constitutions and laws are observed more in their violation than in their application; they give us an arguing point, so that we can try to improve our condition without throwing bombs in the street, without taking up guns and assassinating people. And you all have a constitution, and what are you going to do? You're going to demean it. You're going to say that the smells of manure, the hay that you put in animal pens, the odor of pigs, the vomit of people who may drink too much, the smell of unwashed bodies is what you think your constitution is there to preserve. That's what your constitution means to you? Suppose I had a copy of it here, and I tore it up, and I said, that's what I think of it. Is that showing the disrespect you are showing by changing the constitution? What I would tear up