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representations made to me by people who did not understand the law, who had not, apparently, read the HUD regulations. Well, regardless of how wrong the agency may have been in its interpretation of the law, when you're given a copy of what the requirements of HUD are, I'm not saying take my word for it, I did not falsify these documents, I did not forge them, I did not cut and paste a letterhead on a letter that I wrote. That's not what you have before you. But I say again, if discrimination does not mean that much to you all, fine. But if you write a bill that is substantially not equivalent with HUD's requirements, and based on what the introducer told you this bill deals with--she said...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...conciliation--then you lose the \$500,000. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Maxwell, followed by Senators Brown, Bourne, Chambers.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Bourne, this bill deserves as much discussion as it needs, for the reasons that you mentioned. I would say even in a broader sense, race relations is the fundamental challenge of American politics and American culture, going all the way back to the founding period, well, even before the founding period. But anyway, there's no need to apologize for taking as much time as we need on this bill. I have just a couple of quick questions, one for Senator Brown and one for Senator Chambers. Senator Brown first, if that's okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, would you respond to a question from Senator Maxwell?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you. I just want to make sure I'm not losing the thread of the debate here. Your contention, and the contention of the NEOC, is that there is no flaw in the legislation, and that in fact what Senator Chambers wants to do