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bill that was before us. As a person who has suffered every manner of racial discrimination, except being bashed in the head by a cop's club--I've been falsely arrested, exonerated; when I was younger, cops tried to intimidate me, but I would stand up to them and not be intimidated, and I wouldn't be arrested and I wouldn't be beaten. I've been in grocery stores and department stores where I would be the first one at the counter and the white clerk would go to a white person who came up after I had. I've attended nothing but white schools all of my life, and I've heard racist, demeaning, derogatory comments in the classroom. When I was a little fellow, I had nothing to say because I had been taught to respect my teacher, so I just had to swallow it. But it taught me that these white people that my parents taught me to respect have no respect for me, so I have no use for them. But when I got a little size and got in the higher grades, when I heard something I thought was wrong, I immediately took issue with it. So, as one who has suffered discrimination--not for anything that I had done, because if it was for what I had done it wouldn't be discrimination; it would be a due "compensant," due recompense of reward for inappropriate conduct--when we come to a bill such as this which has a very high-minded and maybe even noble purpose, it should not be tarnished with the alloy of base metal, which is what we're being asked to put into the statute now. Remember, brothers and sisters, friends, enemies, and neutrals, if you've paid attention, there are people right now serving on these very committees who we would be saying, by statute, are unfit to be there and we're going to make sure from this day forward that none of these unfit people can be there. But if they are unfit, why are you going to let them stay there? If their presence somehow harms the work of these committees, why not get rid of them now? Are you saying that if a priest raped a child and now we're going to say raping children is no longer acceptable to the church, but we're going to grandfather in all those priests who happen to have done their raping before we became enlightened? No. Whenever you find out the rat did it, he should go, although that's not the policy of the Vatican and not the policy of every bishop or archbishop in this country. I do that to give you a stark example, if I can. These people serving on these committees have done nothing deleterious to the work of these committees. It's just that you got some wrong-headed, old, dyed-in-the-wool-hat fools who are