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motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA32. (Legislative Journal page 599.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA32 to LR 8CA.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do come here this morning with what could be described as a heavy...what must I say, gizzard, since I don't have a heart? Were I one of those possessed of a heart, I would say I come here with a heavy heart. It should not be necessary for one whose ancestors did not participate in the drafting of this constitution, who were owned as property at the time the U.S. Constitution was put together. That was drafted, by the way, in 1787. It was adopted by the public, the people, in 1789. I've had to learn more about America's constitution than these white Americans. They can take things for granted, and because they take so much for granted, they know not how to respect those things that are worthy of respect. I don't have anything more against hunters, anglers, or trappers than I have against Jack the Ripper and other mass murderers, so there's nothing I intend to do to take from them their enjoyment. As much as I think it is inappropriate for human beings to bring pigs into the world in a domesticated state, release them, or allow them to escape so that they can become wild or feral for the purpose of hunting, I was the one who did much of the work to craft an amendment which said that these animals shall be killed. Circumstances can arise where the overall good of society will require a prudent, sincere lawmaker to take decisions which would not be taken were not the circumstance so grave. I became convinced, through what I read and the discussions I heard on the floor, that feral pigs pose a hazard in this state, not due to any fault of their own. They could teach human beings a lesson. Feral pigs do everything they do because they are acting in accord with their nature. There are people on this floor who believe things other than I do about some overarching intelligence that put everything here, impressed order upon the physical universe, and judges people based on standards of morality or right and wrong. That overarching intelligence put into the feral pig the nature that