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the conscience of everybody who walks by it, but I dare say most people don't even see it. It's like the hungry people on the street. You turn your eyes the other way, you Christians. Jesus told you to love everybody, and how do you show it? By disregarding them and thanking God by saying, there, but for the grace of God, go I. What kind of God has grace by making somebody miserable and causing you to feel self-righteous and you thank God because he cursed that person and not you? What kind of nonsense is this? You call this a "Chrishian" country. Why, it is the biggest caldron of hypocrisy you'll find on the face of the earth. You all are the ones who meddle in other people's affairs and try to tell them...

SENATOR ENGEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...how to do everything. You send missionaries to save everybody around the world. Charity begins at home and spreads abroad. Ralph Waldo Emerson said that charity abroad usually translates to oppression at home. It's easy to give your charity to people thousands of miles away that you never see, but it's hard to do the right thing by those people who dwell with you in your very house. You all ought to read what these other white Americans have said and they teach you something, but it all goes for naught. So I'll give my little pittance to the food pantry. You all will walk past those barrels and you'll probably tell DAS to get them out of the bay...get them out of the Capitol Building...

SENATOR ENGEL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because they give me something to talk about. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Chambers, your light is on. You're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I think the prairie dogs are going to be safe. As long as I am here, the prairie dogs are safe, and I plan to be here. I will never seek affirmation from anybody of my right to do what I think I ought to do. I will not seek anybody's approval, and I will not