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nobody's boy. I'm Lillian Chambers' son, but I'm nobody's boy. And I don't want that forgotten, and I don't forget the fact that I'm a black man in a white legislature, either. And I am never going to take low on this floor, and I will never do or say anything that will make black people ashamed of the fact that they sent me down here. I did not come here to grovel, to swallow spit, to get along and carry water for the lobbyists, the Governor, any senator on this floor, or any collection of senators on this floor. We all know what the reality is around here. We know what the reality is in this state. But if people treat me decently, they cannot treat me more decently than I will treat them. But if they choose another method of dealing with me, I will be more than their even change. We're going to have some very contentious bills coming up, and I'll tell you right now, I'm going to do everything I can to kill those that I don't like. Senator Foley has one. He knows it. Oh, Senator Combs has raised her hand with four fingers, meaning it's five fingers, a four-finger. But if she meant all fingers to represent the number of fangs, she's not over exaggerating. And she knows that. And there are other bills that I'm going to take time on, time, time, time, and you cannot stop me. Young Senator Flood, in whom I have a great amount of confidence, but I saw where he signed onto a bill talking about assaulting a fetus. Senator Flood and others, they can sign onto whatever they want to, but when that bill comes up, we're going to go at it nose to nose, toe to toe. When you bring that mess out here, you're going to be in for a battle. And I'm going to do everything I can--I'm going to use ridicule, mockery, taunting, scorn--to get a lawyer to show me how you can charge and get a conviction against a person for assaulting what's called an unborn child, when it's smaller than a period made by a typewriter. Sheer madness. But when people are hooked up in this religion and these dogmas that they want to have put into law,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they need to know that I'm here to stop it. And I'm going to do everything I can, and if every other senator is afraid and takes cover and runs and hides, I shall not. They can bring all the churches they want to, all the