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before it was a country, and this is what it brings you to? A President who exults in his ignorance, and he's not taken to task for it. And I can understand, really I can, even though I'm upset by it, how my colleagues can take seriously a proposal to befoul the constitution by talking about putting hunting, trapping, and fishing in the constitution. Well, people, if they don't know much, cannot do much. How can they know if they're not taught? How can they be taught without a teacher? We should be the teachers. Our example should do the teaching. But it does not. For the record, I want to read what this amendment does. We would strike the word "fishing" and substitute "inventing fishing." So not just fishing, trapping, and hunting, but inventing fishing, trapping, and hunting. And you know why I think we should put in the constitution a protection of the right to invent these things? Because they may fall into disuse. Somehow, people may reach a level of civilization where they don't fish, trap, and hunt anymore. And if that should happen, we don't want to take the right away from people to go back to earlier barbarous days. If somebody decides, hey, it's a good thing to catch these creatures, to slaughter these others, to trap these others for fun and pleasure and sexual gratification--and psychologists have found that is deeply involved in this hunting and trapping and the deliberate infliction of pain on animals--they should have that right to go back to the earlier savage days, when those things were in vogue. So I want to protect that. For you all, I want to protect the right in the constitution to invent fishing, trapping, and hunting. I did not construct this grammatically with my amendment. If you added my amendment as it's written, it would simply say, on page 1, in line 8, if you adopted my amendment: "Inventing, fishing, trapping, and hunting are a valued part." It shouldn't be "are," it should be "is." But not trying to seem smarter than other people, I left "are." So if somebody sees you and they say, how are you, you say, I am fine. If you say it right, people think you're taking on airs and trying to be a smart aleck. On the other hand, if you walk up to them and extend your hand and say, how you were,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: they don't respond, I were fine. They look