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themselves to take that first step. Negroes were Africans, and that was that. The fact that they had not come to America of their own will and could never leave it was one with which few white men were willing to grapple courageously. Whatever the causes of this unhappy situation, the facts are clear. At the time of the convention there were perhaps 650,000 Negro slaves in the United States. Well over nine-tenths of them lived in the five southernmost states, and in those states they made up more than one-third of the total population. In one northern state, Massachusetts, emancipation had taken place. In four--New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania--it had begun. In two it was being pushed--New York and New Jersey. And in all, except Negro hungry Georgia, the slave trade had been halted or at least heavily discouraged by law. Although men of good will in many parts of America professed to be sure in their hearts that slavery was on the way to extinction, their minds held no timetable for the vast resolution and they protected slavery in this constitution. And I'm going to continue discussing these issues so that I can point out graphically the irony of a black man having to defend the concept of a constitution which enslaved his people and treated us like cows, pigs, chickens and property, and which Roman Catholic Supreme Court Justice, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Roger B. Taney, declared a black man has no rights which a white man is bound to respect. So much for Roman Catholicism. And it was a priest that helped introduce and justify the enslavement of black people into North and Latin America. America...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and churches have a bloody and shameful history which is not taught to their children in school, so they think that those of us who were victimized and whose forbearers were treated as property just suddenly sprang up of a morning and said, I don't like America, like they wonder why people around the world hate America. When you don't know what your country has done and you don't know the people to whom your country has done these things, you are amazed, shocked and flabbergasted when those people don't just open their arms and welcome you and call you brother, sister and savior. Thank you,