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Legislature, Senator Landis hit on a issue, a point that I was going to make, but I will add to that. My amendment does not cost \$500,000. My amendment does not take anything from anybody. By doing this, we do not lessen or diminish anybody. This amendment does not create a class. Mistreatment by society has classified a group of people, and this amendment is designed to make it clear that the state is not going to participate in that kind of mistreatment. This is not a complex issue. Despite how strongly and forcefully on occasion I speak about the interests of black people, I'm going to say this, and it might sound arrogant and egotistical, but I believe I've done more to help white people in this state than anybody who has ever been in this Legislature. I've come to the aid of white people in situations where nobody else would. I've had them call me because they've gone everywhere else and could get no help. When I went after a judge in Omaha who was carrying a pistol on the bench, he was calling women, and I won't use the term but it starts with a "c," the worst degrading thing that can be applied to a women, and it refers to sex organs, women were cursed out, all white, nobody would do anything about this man, so they came to me. And it started with a white female judge. And I could have said, you're getting a due recompense of reward for the wrong that white people have done to black people, and you're getting it at the hands of your own. That's not what I have done. I got him off the bench. I caused another one to retire who had committed almost unmentionable wrongs against female employees, over a dozen. And it was left to me to make him decide it was best if he resign or retire. A judge told a female lawyer in Omaha, f--- you. And when she filed a complaint, the Judicial Qualifications Commission said nothing is going to be done about it. I found out about it and was told that nothing can be done because they had decided not to. I said, well, they're going to do something about this because I'm not the female attorney. I will make them do something. So I wrote a letter to the Chief Justice, and I said, Chief Justice, suppose a lawyer looked into your face and said, f--- you. And I wrote the word. I said, that's what this judge said to a woman. Now if it's not going to be said to you, and you don't have to accept it, this lawyer doesn't have to accept it. And the fact that she is a woman does not give the judge a free pass. His name was Judge Hartigan in Omaha, and he