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are treated. It bothers me obviously more than it bothers them. But I'm a part of the Legislature. I've been here longer than anybody else. Maybe that's why I think in terms that are a little broader than my colleagues. I'm sure people on this floor wouldn't have concern about my constituents that I have for everybody else. But you're fortunate that my standards are not other people's standards. I'm unfortunate that my standards are not theirs. But fair is fair. Fifteen million dollars you gave. You going to make your rural colleagues continue to grovel and crawl, eat peanuts and feces? That's what your colleagues are worth to you? Some writer was lamenting, in the "Bible," what happened with Jesus when he was purchased for 30 pieces of silver. And that writer said, this is the price they valued him at. We're not even giving our colleagues, by comparison, 30 pieces of silver. What have they done to you all that you would watch them treated so poorly by those who are the handpersons and bearers of water for these big business interests, who can pop their finger and get anything, and you anticipate what they might need and you give them that? That's what we call Uncle Toms, in our community. You all would think a person is a Tom when you say, jump, and the person says, how far? That's a Tom. All they have to do is say is say jump. You all are bigger Toms than that. Ain't no Tom like a white Tom. You know what kind of Toms you all are? You anticipate, and you jump first, and you say, boss, is this far enough? That's worse than a black Uncle Tom. And to black people, an Uncle Tom is the worst thing you can be. You all anticipated what your masters are going to want, and you jump first, and ask, boss, is this far enough? You ought to be ashamed of yourself. But go ahead and do it. But if you're going to do that much for those who don't care a nickel for you, why won't you do it...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for your rural colleagues who are in here and support you on so many things? And if they did have sense enough to coalesce and stand against some of what you're after, if I can stop as much as I can, imagine what they can do and what they can force you to give to them to be fair. But they know you're fragmented. They know you're fearful.