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of the Legislature. What some of you all either forgot or never knew is the fact that I for several sessions had to condemn the Governor again and again for his failure when he was making appointments to boards and commissions to appoint women and minority groups. I was the only one who did it again and again and again and again. And my colleagues sat quiet, and they knew what was being done was wrong and unfair. And finally the Governor changed. Every advance made in this country which is boasted about when America is meddling in other people's business and preaching to them about democracy and justice and due process, every change that they want to point to with reference to black people, my people, descendants of slaves, they want to point to it with pride and talk about how it shows what a great country America is. But every single one of those was fought tooth and nail, fought by the government, by the churches, by the citizens. And it was only through the unyielding perseverance of black people and a few who were not black, but primarily black people, who forced these changes, and now they're bragged about and boasted about as though they're natural outgrowths of American democracy. No, every one of them was fought. When Rosa Parks, who was allowed as a corpse to lie in state in that building in Washington, D.C., ran a good chance of being discriminated against in that city even in these modern, supposedly enlightened times if she were walking, talking, and breathing as a human being. Corpses can be honored because they are no longer a threat. But while that woman was alive and walking, and people similar in attitude and complexion murdered, literally, lynched, in and out of the courtroom, and it didn't make Americans any difference. So I'm going to discuss those things. That's what a legislative body is for. And whether that's what people came here for or not is of no moment to me. I know what I'm here for, and I'm going to take every opportunity I can, take advantage of every opportunity presented to me to talk about those things that people would rather not discuss.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this my closing, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is, Senator Chambers.