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wouldn't let me come back to school. It finally dawned on them that even though I didn't come to classes, I could pass all the tests, so they wouldn't let me take my exams. And I told the dean that when we reach the level of a professional school, we should be considered mature enough to make a decision about how often we need to come to class to learn what we need to pass; so let me take the exams, and if attendance in the classroom, hearing what the professor has to say, is essential to passing the exam, then my sin carries its own punishment; I will flunk the exam. He said, well, Mr. Chambers--I wasn't a senator then--Mr. Chambers, we know you'll pass any exam they give you. I said, then why don't you want me to stay here? Well, some of the students complained because I cut too many classes. What business is it of theirs? But again, a black man, and I was treated differently from the way the white students had been. As much conflict as I had with various mayors in the city of Omaha, because they kept me out of school for years, even those white mayors would contact Creighton Law School and say, you ought to let this man go to school. And their argument was, if they let me get a law degree, that would tone me down, I'd be a professional, I'd be out there practicing, and I wouldn't be so radical as they thought I was. Ministers, white ministers, would go up there and, giving them their due, some of the Catholic priests from whom I'd taken courses in undergrad school tried to talk to the dean, and talked about social justice and on and on. Got nowhere. When I had a meeting with the dean finally, I said, it's unfair for you to do this and you know it. Well, Mr. Chambers, I'll tell you what I'll do; I will write a letter of recommendation to any law school you can get to accept you. I said, and what are you going to write in the letter?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That I think you're capable of doing the work, and on and on. I said, that is really something for the dean of a law school to say to somebody in my situation. You feel I'm unfit to go to your school, but then you would dump me on your colleagues in the legal profession and tell them how capable I am of doing this work. I said, now, if I were like you, I'd let you write that letter; then I'd go to court and use it against you, and ask, why am I not allowed to finish at