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had for you, I don't have it now. That's the way they treat white people. If I began to take time on this floor to tell you all what I've gone through at the hands of white people, you'd believe it's a lie. And that's why I tell you places and the names of people. You couldn't go through what I went through and function as I function. You have no idea what my experiences have been. And they have embittered me, but not in the sense that white people understand. White people get bitter and they go kill their mama, go kill their wife, run off from their children, embezzle money, grab a younger woman, and go down to the Bahamas. I was one of those who helped spearhead a bill called the displaced homemaker bill, because all these white women came in crying, and they said, we didn't work, we stayed home and took care of those children so this man could go to school, then when he finished law school or medical school, then he dumped me; I have no skills, I have no job, I can't take care of my children. And I was the one they came to with an appeal. Suppose I dealt with them based on how I had been dealt with by white people.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose I gave in to the bitterness that was in me toward white society in general. I'd have said, good enough for you, because every time you bring a man-child into the world, you bring another enemy to fight me. But I didn't do like white people. Those women had not done anything to me. They were being unfairly and unjustly treated, and I fought for them, as I fought for other constituencies composed of more white people than nonwhite people. That's the kind of man I am, but that's not the kind of people there are on this floor or in this state. My next time around, I'm going to talk about my amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: That was your closing, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I know.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the body is, shall FA197 be adopted to LB 57? Senator Chambers.