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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President...when they say, some of my best friends are colored. That's the worst thing, the most insulting thing a white person can say. person's best friend is, quote, colored, unquote. so-called best friend is not one with whom he or she socializes with. If that best friend has a child of the opposite sex to the child of this white person proclaiming this individual to be his or her best friend, they don't want them to come together and marry or do the things that married people do without the benefit of marriage. Well, best friends, their lives blend. So don't say that. And it takes more than a notion to be viewed by black people as somebody trying to work with us to achieve the goals of fair treatment in all areas of this society. And when we find people trading on this concept of being a minority, and you don't see anything that, in this society the word would be stamps" them as such, then we view them as exploiters. I'm not saying Mr. Bradley is a bad man. Maybe I've met him at some time in my life. I'm not saying he is immoral. I'm simply saying that when the statute creates in law, on a commission, a council, or any other statutorily created body which has duties and responsibilities, we who in fact are what have been branded minorities don't want to come to that council and have to speculate which of them is the minority person. Is that person a minority because her hair is blonde? Is she a minority because all the others are male and she's the only female? With what Senator Schrock said about this man, he is eminently qualified to be on the council. But I need to ask Senator Schrock a question. Senator Schrock, I'd like to ask you a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you...?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, yes, I will answer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, as I look at this report, three positions were open on the council.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we cannot say that Mr. Bradley was given