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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA373.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Continuing, because eventually I will withdraw that one, too, you notice how whenever you turn on your television, and women are being portrayed...and I'm not talking about black women now. Our women are portrayed always as sexual objects, as what are called "ball-busters," emasculators of black men, maids; never a thinking, intelligent being. But it's not much better for white women. Look at it and see what your society thinks of you. Then you have people running down here talking about restricting where sexual predators can live, but you're not concerned about the way women are depicted and degraded and demeaned. What are little girls to think their role in life is? Where are the role models for them? I'll tell you where they are. There are people on the right wing who like to talk about black children born out of wedlock. I told you about the child born out of wedlock to a bishop over in Ireland, white. And in other parts of the country, white children born out of wedlock, the daddy is a priest, a bishop or an archbishop. They don't talk about that. But you see these good, popular white women, pregnant, unmarried. You see them swapping husbands and the men swap wives. These are the people held up as the examples, and why do you condemn young people for latching onto what you all as adults have put in front of them and showed them is the way to go, the thing to do? And all around them they see grown women trying to duplicate what they see on that television, to the extent that they can. I'm not a prude, but I really am troubled when I see any category of human beings degraded, demeaned, converted to the status of chattels and things. Women's opinions are dismissed as having no consequence. They may pose a question, which is ignored. People talk about them while they're present, as though they were not there. A woman may begin to speak in a gathering, and some man jumps in and takes it over and is going to say what she means, or just silence her. And conditioned as most of them are, they'll be silent and just sit down. I remember when a woman was running for the presidency, and she wept about something, and that was jumped on immediately to show how women couldn't cut the mustard. And now you see men bawling all the time, boohoo hoo. I mean the big ones, the senators, the