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speaking. I have acknowledged that when I first came to this Legislature I had no thought of ever referring to this as a place that had anything to do with me, other than the fact that I'm here. I've also acknowledged that nobody could have told me that the day would ever come when I would think in institutional terms about the Legislature, where I would develop a concern about what would happen to it, one way or the other, for good or for bad, for better or for worse. But I have come to think of the Legislature differently now from the way that I did when I first came here. I've spent a lot of time following a principle that I established for myself, which is to stop bad legislation, to take whatever time is needed to ensure that the process moves in the way that I believe it should, to accomplish those ends that I believe it ought to accomplish. That is not arrogance; that is what each one of us does to one extent or another. We are motivated by what we deem to be right, whatever that word "right" may happen to mean. I've been talking about the way women, as well as black people, other nonwhite people, and poor white people are oppressed and mistreated in this society, the lack of sensitivity, the disregard. And every now and then, something will happen that causes me to bring things to the attention of my colleagues. I'm not in to that, just yet. But I've also said repeatedly that our title is state senator, not district representative, that the state is what we should be concerned about and the interests and welfare of the state. I've also pointed out that my constituency, because I'm a state senator, embraces everybody in this state, whether citizen, noncitizen, whether here legally or here illegally. Any human being within this state is a part of my constituency. Now I have been excoriated, I have been ridiculed, I have been scorned--all of these things only add to my legend and bear me up higher and higher--about the methodology that I use and my purposes for using them. I have said repeatedly that I'm not here to make friends with people. I'm not deliberately trying to be unfriendly, but my main responsibility is to do the job that people sent me here to do, and that does not include making friends with the people who are in this Chamber...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...whom I may never see again, after I or