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world, dominated by men. Everything is dominated by men but women are the backbone of practically everything that goes on in this country; the backbone of the church for certain, and she's kept on her back and you all go along with it, and you all don't want to talk about it. That's the reality that you all can run away from and that's why these kids, when they come here, they ask for me to talk to them. I have more invitations to talk to white kids who come from other senators' districts than I can even accept. Why do you think they want me to talk to them? I don't get up there and tell them a lot of jokes. I have a sense of humor and I know how to lighten the mood, but I talk to them about very serious things,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and I also let them know, when I talk to you, you're not going to hear me tell you, you ain't no good, you ain't going to amount to nothing. I said, you got plenty of people doing that for you. The preacher will do it. Your parents will do it. Your teachers will do it. I'm not judgmental. I'm not a "Chrishian." I don't have a heaven to put you in or a hell to send you to. I see you as a person. I have children who are grown now who were once your age, and when I look at you I can see my children, and I want for you what I wanted for my children. And I didn't want my children to confront an adult who's going to make them feel worthless after that adult talked to them, so I'm not going to do it to you. That's the difference between me and you all. You all posture on this floor, but your life does not reflect it. Oh, I'm going to get even, brothers and sisters. What did Kennedy say his daddy told him? Don't get mad; get even. And one of his boys became President of the United States. Now, we know for a black man that's out of the question, but maybe I can be president of the Legislature. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers. Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the Chambers amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 57. Further discussion? Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the