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do you think about that? Why do you think that is? It's not just because I'm black. There are other black people in public office, but I am an activist. I get involved. undertaken many issues, any one of which might have been considered a career for these white senators. You know what they often say when one of these white senators leave? He or she spent time on this particular issue. Not that he or she You know how many bills your current achieved anything. Attorney General got passed in all the years he was here? You think I could get away with passing six bills and then Attorney General? That's white male affirmative There are no standards that white men have to reach. become the Attorney General? And when they see somebody like me, they don't understand me and they think I'm going to be like them, and they judge me by themselves. And because I'm not weak-kneed and lily-livered, they are offended. But do you think it makes me any difference? I've been in this skin for 68 years, and I've been in this Legislature for 36, and other people are not going to determine for me what I ought to do on anything. Nobody is going to set my agenda for me. Nobody is going to tell me that because something is unimportant to them, it is unimportant to me. nobody is going to tell me that that which is important to me should have no consequence because it means nothing to them. am an individual, and I'm going to act in accord with what I think I ought to act in accord with. think I ought to act in accord with. That's why I have my disposition, and I'm going to stay on this bill and stay on this I don't know whether Senator Friend can get cloture. He might be able to get cloture easier on this bill, simply because it is, to use his word, innocuous. But they won't be voting on the bill; they'll be voting to put me in my place, and it's not going to work. It hasn't worked yet. This isn't the first time people have voted cloture against something, on something that I'm opposed to. That's par for the course. The rule was put in place aimed at me, but ironically, the first one bitten by it was the one who pushed for it, and his name was Scott...a youngster, can't remember his last name. I ought to. But he became ... I think he was Secretary of State. Scott Moore. Scott Moore. And I should remember his name, because when they were plotting and scheming to change the rules to get me with the so-called nuclear option, which they never used, and the very next session I got it repealed. Here's what Scotty Moore said.