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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...you can't actually measure or announce their test results.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time, as you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in the court system there is a motion that a person who has been convicted and sentenced can make, to have a new trial based on having received ineffective assistance of counsel. education department provided ineffective counsel on a program related to Native Americans, why should they suffer because the counsel was ineffective? There are death sentences that have been overturned for that reason. If we were talking about a white people's problem, what I call white folks' mess, in Omaha--one school district, one city--this Chamber would be Senator Smith would not have raised questions, then engaged in a discussion with others while the answer is being given. But that's how white people deal with things that pertain to nonwhite people. It's of no consequence and no moment. And you all wonder why I respond to you all the way I I look at what you do every day, and I look at how little respect you have for people not like yourselves. Suppose it was one district, one school, or one city. You know what would be Everybody would be here. The media would be going on here. paying attention. But these are the (singing) one little, two little, three little Indians. And that's funny to white people, I'm not full-blooded Indian, but I have Native isn't it? American blood in me. If you saw my grandmother, except for her complexion, you would think she was a Native American. And we suffer those insults and we know what they mean. We feel something rise up in us every time we hear some white bureaucrat say, well, you got too many chiefs and not enough Indians. You all don't even think about that, do you? It's a part of your conversation. You are insulting people all the day long, when they try to explain to you that you are insulting, you say, it doesn't bother me. That's why these racist sports commentators can say, so what if we've got these mascots named after Indians? So what? They ought to be good sports and take