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would not move, and I felt sweat beginning to run down the nape of my neck, and it tickled like something crawling, but I didn't wipe it. I didn't move. I tried not to swallow. And I suffered through that, and that's what these white people do to us. And what I remembered that my parents taught me--respect grown people and especially your teachers. And this is the one that my parents told me to respect, and this is the one making fun of me? You all have no idea how difficult it is for me to come down here and function and be civil. I see in your conduct and hear so much in your words and in your insensitivity, all of those things that have happened to black people down through the years. But you know what I do? I learn your rules, I play by your rules, always, and I beat you at your own game, and because I play by your rules and beat you by your rules, you're angry at me. I'm the bad guy, because I make use of the rules that you told me I must play your game by. You don't have to comply with them, because you're always in the majority.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I must, and I do, and I do it better than you, and you're angry at me. You wrote the rules; I didn't. I told you, write any rule you want. Just let me know what it is. But I know that your rules are written with a pencil that's got a big eraser. We write this rule; oh, Ernie got around that. Well, we'll just erase that, like Judge Roy Bean. He took over this town, and he had a big law book, and he wanted to get certain things done as he built this town. And a lawyer came, and he opened this law book and said, Judge Roy Bean, you can't do that. The man said, why? The lawyer said, it's right there in the law book. You know what Roy Bean did? He tore that page out and said, bad law. It's no longer the law, because Judge Roy Bean was the law. You all are the law. I'll fight the law, but the law is not going to win over me, because I'm a grown man now, and I can fight, and I know how to fight, and I will fight. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion. Senator Don Pederson, followed by Senator Schimek and Aguilar. Senator Don Pederson.