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senators talk to their staff members. I was a chairman of a committee a long time ago, and I never had my staff prepare statements that I make, and the people who are here know that. I knew every bill that the committee dealt with, and the record proves it. I did that, because it was my job and my responsibility, and if I couldn't handle it, I would not have been a Chair. And that's why I look at some of the people who are chairpersons here. They just want to say they were chairpeople. Do they show leadership? Do they know? Do they need to call a staff member and say, what does this bill mean? Well, if you don't know what it means, you shouldn't have sent it out here. And I'm not going to take low for anybody on this floor. I don't care who they are; I don't care what their position is. They're just another man to me--that's all. Maybe out there on the street they say, I'm Chairman this and people fall back and say, ooh and aah. I work here; I see you and I know what's going on here. You better stay off me. You pour some water on me, and you will hiss off me, like if you pour a drop of water on a redhot griddle. Come on! Why, what kind of childish, schoolyard nonsense is that? But people can conduct themselves in the way they please, but as a black man, I am not going to let any white man order me to do anything. You think I was sent down here to be an Uncle Tom, to be somebody's child? Heavens, no! And nobody will make me so upset on this floor that I will use profanity, as some of my white colleagues have done, because I have control over myself and over my language. So before you all get too upset about the way Senator Chambers conducts himself, you just get transcripts and listen to the selection of language that we use. I'm not vulgar, I'm not obscene. That's not my way, because I do believe that when we are in positions and we sometimes talk in a pontificating way about children and how young people are going to hell in a hand basket, maybe they look at us and they see the pathway cut to hell by the way we conduct ourselves. What kind of example do we give? No child can ever say he or she heard me use profanity. No person has ever seen me lay violent or angry hands on a female...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in my life. I believe in practicing the