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Supreme Court which proclaim the law of the land, cannot find that law to be consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's If it is taken to the federal courts, the same determination. result will obtain. The U.S. Supreme Court is not of a mind to uphold something as nutty as that. I'm going to read an article which angers, infuriates, disgusts me because I'm a black man and the victim was a black woman. But as will be pointed out in this article, rape is a heinous and vicious crime, no matter against whom it is perpetrated. But the fact that the female was black led the university where it occurred to drag their feet, try to look the other way until a group of students and others came to this house where the perpetrators are located and began literally beating on pots and pans. There was outrage expressed throughout the country, throughout the town of Durham. And I'm going to read the article. However, my time may run out before I can complete it, so I'll ask the Chair, how much time do I have left?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have 4 minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I perhaps can get it finished. This appears in today's newspaper, the Lincoln Journal Star, on page 5C; headline: Duke needs to do more in scandal. The byline is that of Tim Dahlberg, D-a-h-l-b-e-r-g, of the Associated Press. Reading: The usual inclination when college athletes are involved in scandals is to rally around the school, promise an investigation and go on with business as usual. So give Duke officials some credit for finally taking action while police investigate allegations that an escort service worker, hired for what she thought was a small bachelor party, was raped by members of the school's nationally ranked lacrosse team at an off-campus house. Okay, so they waited until protests erupted both in town and on campus before suspending the team's season indefinitely. And maybe it took some banging on pots and pans outside the house of the university provost to help it all sink In the end, though, they did the right thing. They barred the team from playing again until the whole mess is cleaned up. The problem is, they did not do enough. Not for the alleged victim, not for the town of Durham, not even for team members who had nothing to do with the whole thing and are paying penalties for it. The local folks have good reason to be upset,