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anything said against them which is degrading as being no more than they expect; humiliating, no more than they should expect. They have been taught to accept physical abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse as their lot in life. When you make a person feel that there are no alternatives to what that person faces, no options available, that person, rather than looking for a way out of that situation, will adopt an attitude of resignation and fatalism, being told that there is no escape. All she can try to do is steel her mind, her nerves, her emotions to somehow survive each one of these horrific episodes and hope that when it's over there is a shred of rationality left so she can begin to try to heal herself until the next episode.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When we talk about the kinds of issues that are before us today and related issues, what I'm talking about does not come up unless I bring it up. When I'm out of here two years from now, this state does not have to worry about listening to the kind of things that I'm talking about. The men on the floor of this Legislature and the women who may be among that conditioned group of victims that I'm talking about, who may not even realize that they've been victimized, will not have to sit in discomfort and maybe even embarrassment while words such as I speak now and will continue to speak are uttered. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion on the motion to return. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I have received much scurrilous mail on this issue. But that's power for the course for me because I receive scurrilous mail from white people in this state when there is no particular issue before the Legislature upsetting to them. They may have read something that reminded them that a black man such as myself is in the Legislature so they write or call on the phone to vent their spleen. And let me tell you one thing which I did not contemplate when I got rid of an e-mail address but which makes me very amused and contented that I do not have an e-mail