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address. I have colleagues who are receiving e-mails filled with racial slurs and obscenities directed at me that they want that colleague to be sure that I get because I don't have an e-mail address. So what they do is confirm what I've said on this floor about the vicious types of correspondence that these cowardly white racists will send. So if my merely existing can make them so angry, I'm merely fulfilling a scripture. There is a verse in the "Holly Bible" which says anger rests in the bosom of a fool. Now why is a person a fool to have anger resting in his or her bosom? Because anger saps a person's vitality. Anger paralyzes a person's intellect. Anger puts an individual in a position where the basest emotions take control and will stampede that person into saying and doing things which, immediately upon having done or spoken, the person regrets it and says, oops, I ought not to have said that, I ought not to have done it. But the fact is that it was done. I sometimes will give analogies to draw a picture in the mind of those who may be listening of what I'm trying to say. We have people on this floor who own cattle. There are people in this state who herd cattle. If you can keep the cattle under control, then you can guide them and maneuver them and drive them where you would like them to go. But if something happens...in the movies, they called it being spooked. If something spooks the cattle, these few two-legged individuals sitting atop, at least cousins of the cattle, are unable to control those cattle because you have what is known as a stampede--every cow, bull, calf for itself and the Devil take the hindmost. And if one of these persons, who up to that time had been in control, gets in the way and says, cattle, stop, I am a rational animal, I'm smarter than you and you must listen to me and I say stop, and the person is trampled right into the ground. That's the way these emotions are. If you keep your emotions in check, they are of great value. They add a component to your overall makeup which will make it possible for you to feel, to be sensitive, and identify with people who are suffering what you are not. Your mind explains to you what that person is going through; your emotions react as though it were happening to you or to somebody who means something to you. So emotions have a very important role to play in the overall makeup of a person.