

they are my political issue equal, nor that they should be allowed to vote or to hold office. That is what Abraham Lincoln said. He said in any situation where you have a position of superior and inferior, I, like every other white man, want my race to be in the superior position. I read white people's history. I read the words that Abraham Lincoln, himself, said.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So when I hear all this "yow-yow" about racism not being prevalent in this country, that is all it is, is "yow-yow". And by that letter being written and by Senator DeCamp feeling the need to bring a resolution, the Legislature has been delivered into my hands. I can now force the whole Legislature of the State of Nebraska to discuss issues that I had no way of bringing before the Legislature myself. So when you look at me, the descendant of a slave, and may have the inclination to say that we are inferior, think about how it has become necessary for me to understand and master this system to get those in the system to do the work for me that I could not do myself. So we will discuss Khadafy. We will discuss Libya. We will discuss Israel. We will discuss the politics of assassination by whoever engaged in but on this issue I now think that Senator DeCamp has made it a probusiness issue and it no longer relates to Martin Luther King at all. The tawdriness of the marketplace has been injected into the discussion. So whereas before if there were any groups willing to do something on this day to make it have some significance and meaning in line with what it was designed to achieve, I would have supported it. But now that we are talking strictly business and business as usual, there is no way I can support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I do wish to close. Since the Emancipation Proclamation was brought in, I feel it would be inappropriate for me not to deal with this major issue and show that I know as much about it as Ernie does. One other element of the Emancipation Proclamation, Senator Chambers, which should infuriate you just a trifle more was the fact that as an incentive, as an incentive to southern states who were in rebellion to break away and join the