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your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I'd like Senator Brashear to give me some help in maybe cleaning up the record in terms of some things that I said. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, is it mandatory that a person belong to the Bar Association as a condition to practicing law in this state?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, it is, mandatory is your word, yes. You must be a member, we have an integrated bar.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you...and we know that means that you're under control of the Supreme Court, not that all races, all sexes and all people of sexual orientation and what not are treated equally. And I want the members of the Legislature to know that integrated, when used with reference to the Bar Association, is a term of art. Senator Brashear, do you think all of the people who belong to the Bar Association right now would continue to be members if they were not compelled to be members in order to practice law?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I think it's probably fair to say that some would, for a variety of reasons, choose not to continue their membership.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think a majority would choose not to continue their membership?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I emphatically do not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why should membership be compelled then?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Why should membership be compelled.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It's simply the way we do it, Senator Chambers. (Laugh.)