

languishing under a racist system like this, taking it,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...telling our young people to go to school, do something with your life, you can be somebody, you try hard, you study. They don't make a distinction. Everybody in my community is the same. Everybody is viewed as a criminal, every black woman as a prostitute, and this is the way they treat us and there is no place to go for redress. Then you come down here and say we are going to build more prisons, to put more of them into, and you wonder why I'm upset. Now you kind of have an idea, and we'll have to just continue battling on these bills, and I will have to do what I can within the rules of the Legislature to put this on record and then distribute it. And you make it easy for me to help instruct those in my community and your community about what a powder keg exists here, and it's not the kind of crime that you all are talking about that your biggest worry comes from.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I do have another amendment and I am going to offer some more because I've got to make these points clear. One of the amendments, by the way, will strike that money that the Legislature wants to give to that Constitutional Revision Commission, which comprises all white men, homogenized white men, who are going to make decisions about everybody in this society in terms of what changes ought to be made in the constitution. Do you think they will be talking about what I'm talking to you about now? Heavens, no. You know, it is a good thing I don't use profanity because I get sorely provoked, but I know that the language in which you think is the language to which you will resort when you're really discussing something that has meaning to you. So those words, although a part of my vocabulary, in terms of my being familiar with them, they are not a part of my active vocabulary because I want to be understood in terms of what it is that I am saying. When a white cop, called "Dirty Red", ran to all the television stations saying that I was saying that he should have been killed, all the white television stations put his story on, all of them. The coward looked like a deer in a headlight. He's got a gun on his side and he can carry a shotgun in his cruiser. I am not armed. I don't even wear the kind of clothes where I