

statute books, a day of celebration and a day of thoughtful reflection and deliberation and I think that is worthy of us and our time today to call the attention of the state to that law and to that life. I would like to read one brief paragraph in an impromptu speech that Martin Luther King gave and it is not the famous "I have a dream" speech. Simply an off the cuff remark that King was making at the very end of his life prior to the time that he was assassinated. And in answer to a question, talking about what he believed in he just simply said, "And so I say to you today that I still stand by nonviolence and I am still convinced that the most potent weapon available to the Negro is the struggle for justice in this country and the other thing is that I am concerned about is a better world. I am concerned about justice. I am concerned about brotherhood. I am concerned about truth and when one is concerned about these he can never advocate violence for through violence you may murder a murderer but you can't murder murder. Through violence you can murder a liar but you can't establish the truth. Through violence you can murder a hater but you can't murder hate. Darkness cannot end darkness, only light can do that." And Martin Luther King's life was a light and that is why I move the adoption of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I want to commend Senator Landis for offering this resolution again this year as he has done in the past and for the very, I would call them potent words that he utters. This is one of those times when I think people may feel for various reasons, a bit of discomfort because we know that the conditions that Martin Luther King gave his life to try to rectify are still with us. But as Senator Landis pointed out, if Martin Luther King's birthday can be a day for reflection when we'll think not only of the fact that a man gave his life for the things that he believed in but that the conditions that led to the losing of his life in the way that he lost it are still with us and we who still remain have an obligation to correct those conditions, then I think the day is of value. Personally as a black man, as Martin Luther King was, we probably had identical goals but our method of attaining those goals would be absolutely different. I have to be aware of any effort that would take away from his significance as a man who had enough courage, enough conviction to die as he lived. Probably had Martin Luther King seen the individual who was going to take his life he would not have lifted his hand to commit an act of violence to save his own life which is more than what I can say for myself. When a person will go to the mat for his or