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Harry Burke and he was a racist who said no black person would ever teach in the public schools in Omaha. And now black kids go to that school with the name up there.

**FOLEY:** One minute.

**CHAMBERS:** You all have heard of Lewis and Clark, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Did you know William Clark was a slaveholder and he brought a slave named York with him? And often York saved their bacon when the native people wanted to slaughter these people. And when there's a little story or information put on this gadget that you all have about the Lewis and Clark expedition, they talk about the white people who deserted and this one and that one and what they did, but they never mentioned York. They never mention that Clark was a slaveholder. And now there's a junior high school or middle school, if that's what they call it, Lewis and Clark, which black children have to attend. They have a place called Lewis and Clark Landing.

**FOLEY:** That's time, Senator. Senator Chambers, you're recognized for your third opportunity.

**CHAMBERS:** Thank you. There was a black woman in those long ago days when generals whose names adorn various military installations-- and Trump wants to keep those names there-- and she fought against slavery. That's the first thing that turned Trump against her. She fought on the side of the Union army. She was a spy for the Union army. Her name was Harriet Tubman. And it had been decided during President Obama's administration that the 20 dollar bill would bear the likeness of Harriet Tubman. And there was great joy among all groups of women because it would be a woman on this money, other than a mythological or Miss Liberty who didn't exist. And you know what Trump said when he came in? I admire Andrew Jackson and he's got a big picture of him because Andrew Jackson was a slaveholder and a trickster and treacherous. So he said if Harriet Tubman's name-- picture is to be on the twenty dollar bill, it'll have to be after I'm out of office. There was no outcry because you all love slaveholders. Some of you didn't even know that Andrew Jackson was a slaveholder. But he was and he was treacherous toward the black men who saved his bacon at the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812. They couldn't whip the British. And the majority of the population comprised black men. And he promised them that if they would fight on the side of America, they would be free. Ha ha ha. The lying, sniveling, cowardly, treacherous rat. You all see him as a hero. I don't. Suppose I had raped white women. Suppose I enslaved Senator Slama and used her the

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way that I wanted to. You think Thomas Jefferson was a great man? Do you realize that he had a room in Monticello for Sally Hemings and he had six children by that woman in the house where his wife lived? One of his descendants said they need to stop deifying Thomas Jefferson and take down every monument or memorial to him. He was a mere man and he was not a good man. How can a man be good if he's a rapist, a child molester, a pedophile? And you all deify him and I'm supposed to go along with it. Then his descendants, using that term advisedly, like Senator Slama, Governor Ricketts, all the "Repelican" Party mucky-mucks doing what they are doing right now. But it's good that they chose me as the stick to beat their fellow white people with. And they don't realize it, but they lionize me because black people look at that and they say, man, Chambers, they're sure scared of you. What did you do to those white people? I said, well, when it comes to me, a loaded brain is more powerful and threatening to them than a loaded gun.

**FOLEY:** One minute.

**CHAMBERS:** So they invoke my name when they want to put all their brothers and sisters in terror. And you cannot tell me white people are not terrified by me. Why else would Senator Slama and her ilk do what they're doing to that woman down there, wherever it is, who is not offended in any way? You know why I'm speaking like this? The least, the last, and the lost, the people who are mistreated, who are unjustly treated are the ones I feel an obligation to do something for. Is this my third time, Mr. President?

**FOLEY:** Yes, it is.

**CHAMBERS:** It is? Thank you. I'll stop now and take my shot later. Thank you.

**FOLEY:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. Motion before the body is the advance of LB1028 to E&R Initial, excuse me, E&R for engrossing. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. LB1028 advances. Proceeding to LB1030 [SIC LB1130]. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, LB1030 [SIC LB1130], no E&Rs. Senator Groene would move to amend with AM3006.

**FOLEY:** Senator Groene, you're recognized to open on your amendment.