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involved with the witness-victim at York, had been involved with negotiations designed to remove her from that situation. He left and went somewhere. Then when he came back, he suddenly announced that he was resigning as Director of Corrections and heading out to Colorado. Strange things happen. Hoagland was quiet. Harold Andersen retired. Frank Gunter took off running, and Peter Citron bit the dust. You might know now why that area he lives in is referred to as Happy Hollow. Now...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what I am trying to get to is that one of the most serious problems to be exposed relative to foster care was done partially through the hard work of Dennis Carlson. I don't know if he was denied reappointment because he and Carol Stitt had tried to present this information to the Governor, and the Governor's people at first said they were interested, then when time came for the meeting, she closed the door on that and said she wanted nothing to do with it. I don't know if it is because Larry King had had big parties for big-time "Repelicans" within this state and without this state, but with these kind of questions swirling, the worse thing that the Governor could do, the worse kind of advice she could be given would be not to reappoint Dennis Carlson. I don't know how I am going to vote on this, but I think what they did was traded a proven Rolls Royce for a questionable Volkswagon, and I don't say that to be disparaging toward the lady whose name is before us because I don't even know her, but Dennis Carlson has an established track record and that should not be lightly dismissed.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, you have an announcement to make.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would like to have an Executive Session in 2102 for the General Affairs Committee now; General Affairs, 2102.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Labeledz and Senator Byars.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members, first of all, all of us recognize that it is the Governor's responsibility and opportunity and duty and prerogative to appoint to many of these positions and if, in fact, not all of them, persons of her choosing or his choosing. None of us would dispute that.