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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd like to ask you a question, and while you come to your mike, didn't you used to teach school?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What was...

SPEAKER WITHEM: I taught students, I didn't teach school.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, you taught students in school. What was the subject you taught them?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I taught them, I tried to teach them American Government, American History.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Did they ever have occasion to write examinations using the essay form?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, they did. I had one poor semester of teaching English Composition also, so...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when you taught English Composition you wanted them to put words together in a coherent fashion and have sentences that comprised a subject and a predicate and a period at the end to indicate when that (interruption)

SPEAKER WITHEM: At a minimum, at a minimum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if one of your students had written this sentence to you, what grade would the student have gotten?

SPEAKER WITHEM: It always took me a long time to grade those papers, Senator Chambers, I'd have to sit down and take a look at that and determine what the grade would be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it wouldn't be an A, would it?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I do not know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would it be a B?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I do not know. If I don't know if it's an A, I don't know if it would be a B either.