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how Mr. Pearson conducted himself as a State Trooper. Is Senator Schmitt at his desk? Senator Schmitt, I would like to ask you a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How long did you say you knew Mr. Pearson as a State Trooper?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Well, I...he worked in the same organization, Senator Chambers, for 25 plus years with me. I knew him probably 20 of those 25, and worked under him in his Colonel's capacity for five years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Before he was a Colonel, how much...how much did you know about him?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Not a whole lot because I knew him through different training programs and things like this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you don't know what his record as a trooper was prior to the time you served under him when he was a Colonel?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Not as far as what he was like on the road, no, I don't, other than just comments I've heard from people that worked with him and served with him.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now when he was a Colonel and you worked under him, what was your rank while he was a Colonel?

SENATOR SCHMITT: I was a Trooper II, Colonel...or, Senator, on the road. I worked all my time on the road, traffic.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you had next to no direct contact with this man. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Not direct personally, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many times were you actually in his presence while you worked under him while he was a Colonel?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Oh, quite a few times at different meetings,