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the Irish loved England, they loved the Brits? You think they loved Queen Victoria? They changed the name of Queensland, because she came to Ireland one time and said, it honors me to call this town Queensland. And they changed the name when they were in a position to do so. So those of you who have never been a part of a victimized, oppressed group will always think that your group, the oppressing group, is great and loved by everybody in the way that you love them. Not so. Back to these reports. They open the way for this kind of discussion because these kind of discriminatory acts are incremental, here a little, there a little, a bit yesterday, a bit today, a bit tomorrow, and everybody else is too afraid to say anything about it. Well, I don't want to seem like I'm nit...well, I don't want to seem like I'm careless or overly critical, so they don't say anything, but I shall. And whenever these confirmation reports come up you all can vacate the premises, if you want to, and come back when time is here for a vote. One thing that I miss, when Senator Shirley "Mac" Marsh was here, every year she took...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a certain day to discuss the contributions of women. And some people took offense, but she insisted on that. She's one of the reasons there's a female bathroom over there, and women don't have to go running all the way down the hall. And you know what else she would do? She'd tell a state trooper, you stand outside the male rest room door then, and that's where I'm going to use the rest room; I'm not going to be running all over hither, thither and yon to find a place to use the rest room. That's the kind of woman it takes to do something and get it done and let people be angry at the time. But those who are the beneficiaries don't even take time to find out how it came to be. So they go around and they're nice and whatever else. Go along to get along and they get nothing. But I'm going to continue to speak on these issues. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, on the Agriculture Committee confirmation report.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members.