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is not prosperity everywhere, not even within this country. So politicians should not have that narrow view. There was a poem written by a guy, I think his name was John Donne. It's not spelled the way Americans would spell "done", and Americans who are not literate would probably call him "Donnie", "John Donnie". And I think that Senator Tyson would be offended if I refer to him as John...as "John Donnie", to be on the level of people who would pronounce it the way they think it should be pronounced based on the way it's spelled, because he loves to correct me and I accept his correction. But I also point out to him that the purpose of communication is to be understood. Before there can be any communication, there must be a willingness on the part of the hearer to listen to the speaker. And before the speaker can expect to be listened to, he or she...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...must cause the hearer to believe that there is some respect flowing from the speaker to the listener, whom you hope will become the hearer. So you take people where you find them, establish this connection, then gently move them from that point to another point which you may feel is more appropriate for those who are on the road to becoming literate. But what John Donne...what John Donne wrote is words to the effect that no man, he didn't say no woman, no man is an island entire unto itself; each is a part of the main, and every man's death diminishes me. He wrote that. Had no concern for women. Maybe his feeling was that every woman ought to be on an island as Napoleon was. But I think that island...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Senator Chambers, you may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I think that island was named after a woman, I think. "Baron" Tyson, you can just nod. Did Napoleon spend some time on Saint Helena? Yes, yes he did. So, although John Donne says that no man is an island, he probably believed that every woman belonged on an island, as does the Governor of this state. And the Governor of this state will make a token move toward women every now and then, but when it comes to something of significance, like the Women's Health Initiative, he starts rumbling and thundering and threatening