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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report of the Natural Resources Committee.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, on February 11th, the Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the confirmation or the appointment of Lee Grove to the Nebraska Ethanol Board. I've known this individual for 35 years. He is a constituent. He lives in Nuckolls County, north of Superior, Nebraska. He's a graduate of the Nebraska University with a degree in "ag econ", served time in the army as an officer, has farmed for probably the past 30 years, and he is appointed to represent the grain sorghum producers on the Ethanol Board. As you know, there are certain slots to fill. This gentleman will represent the grain sorghum producers. He lives on the home place that he grew up in and, Senator Chambers, it would be nice to have a unanimous vote here. Maybe you could pretend that his first name is spelled L-e-i-g-h. I don't know if you want to respond to that, but I know this individual very well, it would be nice to have a unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. For discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Schrock a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, how did you say I can imagine that first name would be spelled?

SENATOR SCHROCK: L-e-i-g-h.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, when an appeal is made to me it puts me in a difficult situation. As I've said in the past and probably nobody remembers it, to pronounce a sentence of death and carry it out indicates a certain amount of power, but that is not the ultimate power. The ultimate power is to grant a reprieve to prevent a death penalty from being carried out or, another way to say it, granting mercy. Senator Schrock talked to me this morning about

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