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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, did you type this report that you put out on our desks?

SENATOR JENSEN: (Laugh) Senator, I only have nine fingers, I have trouble on a keyboard. But if...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh...

SENATOR JENSEN: ...I would like to take credit for it, but I have a wonderful staff that does that for me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here's what I've got to point out. Many times things happen unintentionally, but when they do I have to call attention to it. By way of introduction to what I'm about to say, I have to mention that there...sometimes men will use the term "gal" or "girl", speaking of a grown woman. Women don't appreciate that designation. Most of them, as I've often said, are trying so hard to get along that they go along and they just pretend they didn't hear it. But they would be happy not to be referred to as "gals" or "girls". Now what I have to mention is that with reference to each of these nominees, next to the number is the full name of the individual. Chris Peterson (Policy Secretary); Dr. Linda Lazure (Board of Health), she was given her title; Ella Ochoa (HHS Partnership Council); Kathy Moore (HHS Partnership Council). When we begin the paragraph Chris Peterson is given her first name and last name. Dr. Lazure is given her title; Ms. Ochoa is referred to as "Ella", and she is the Director of the NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation in North Platte. Sometimes those of us who are members of that group called minorities are always referred to by our first name, we always are children. And I'm saying, Senator Jensen, I don't think there was any...I hope there wasn't any motive behind this. It might just be the customary way people have of addressing us. But when I talk about institutional racism and things that are built into this culture that are automatically done by white people who think we ought not take offense or even comment on them. If somebody such as myself does not call attention to it, these things will continue to take place. So in these reports, even if a courtesy title is not put before a person's name or one of these, they