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SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it were indeed a trespass against you, are you prepared to forgive that trespasser at this point, or does that not enter into this consideration?

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, I'm certainly...yes, I'm willing to forgive especially when the people's business is at stake here and a couple of important bills need to be passed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it necessary for you to forgive the trespasser in order for you to carry out the people's business?

SENATOR HILGERT: No, Senator Chambers, it is not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So now I'm going to ask a blunt question. Have you indeed forgiven that trespasser, or is that personal?

SENATOR HILGERT: I think that's probably personal, Senator Chambers. Although I'm not dwelling on it, I haven't given it much thought since the incident occurred and since we realized that we have to get these two bills passed this session.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. I'd like to ask the Chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Vrtiska, I'm asking you this question because you're an independent third party and it has no reference to anything that you have done on these bills or anything else, but I need you to help me bring something in focus. Have you ever had to get a loan from a bank for any purpose, and I'm not going to ask the details, but have you ever gone to a banker for a loan?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you were seeking a loan from the banker, would you have deemed it wise to insult the banker if you're trying to get a loan?