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aside and disrespected as an institution by certain Corrections employees. I have the highest respect and regard for Director Clarke, but in the same way that a captain of a large ship is not aware of what every member of the ship is doing, is not aware of everything happening in all areas of the ship, the captain, nevertheless, is held responsible. So the captain has to try to find people who can be trusted, and those people have certain duties and responsibilities delegated to them. When you think you can trust people and they stab you in the back, you need to ask yourself what is the agenda of these people I have trusted? Some have come before the Judiciary Committee and lied...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...through their teeth. One is now leaving the Corrections Department and taking a job with the city of Omaha or Douglas County.

SENATOR CUDABACK: On your time now, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I'm on my time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That was on behalf of Senator Hartnett. I want to say something that Senator Schimek made me think about. She said that a train is coming and you need to get off the track. That reminded me of a song, Senator Friend, which I'm not going to sing, but the second verse applies, in a way, to what Senator Schimek was getting to, and some of you all may be familiar with this: "I plopped down in my easy chair and turned on Channel 2 / A fast gunslinger named Salty Sam was chasing poor Sweet Sue / He trapped her in the old sawmill and said with an evil laugh, / 'If you don't give me the deed to your ranch / I'm going to saw you all in half!' / He caught her / He tied her up / And then along came Jones / Tall thin Jones / Slow-walkin' Jones / Slow-talkin' Jones / Along came long, lean, lanky Jones." You need that to know the tone of the song. Then the second verse that Senator Schimek made me think of: "I got so bugged I turned it off and turned on another