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Committee. This is a reappointment. Mr. Brueggeman was referred out of the Judiciary Committee unanimously and I ask for your support in his confirmation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR BOURNE: Also a reappointment to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee is Charles Brewster. As I mentioned, Mr. Brewster also is a reappointee and he was referred out of the Judiciary Committee unanimously as well. And I would appreciate your support on both of these gentlemen. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on the confirmation report by Judiciary Committee. Open for discussion on that report. Senator Bourne, there are no lights on. I'm sorry. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was between Omaha and Lincoln, and I heard Senator Bourne presenting these nominations. I'm going to support them, but there's something else I need to say and I have to get my wind back. During the Judiciary Committee hearing yesterday, I made some very strong comments about the lobbyists around here. In the process, however, the impression may have been left that Paul O'Hara was being accused by me of having made vulgar, demeaning, or maybe even some obscene remarks to the woman who is the legal counsel for the Judiciary Committee. If anybody got that impression, that I was attacking Paul O'Hara in that manner, accusing him of such things as that, I want to correct that misimpression. Since it may have gone out through the squawk boxes throughout the Capitol, I owe it to Paul O'Hara to correct that misimpression based on what I said as notoriously as the comments had been made. However, I mean every word that I said about the way these lobbyists are getting beside themselves, the disrespect they're showing to the senators, the disrespect they show for the staff members, the way they try to order people out of here to show their colleagues that they've got influence with or over a particular senator or senators, the things they say to staff. I meant every word of that. And I will help take these lobbyists down a peg. That goes from "Emperor" Radcliffe, right on down to the most inconsequential