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they or both of us leave this place. Well, now I'm getting down to the grist of what I intend to deal with. There is a columnist with the Washington Post named George F. Will, and he is not a friend of black people, he is not a friend of women, he is not a friend of any of the issues that mean something to me. He is one of those white men who will praise to the highest a white man who does something that he would condemn out of hand a black man for doing. And when I'm recognized, that is what I shall get into. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, in the World-Herald, February 12, which was yesterday and a Sunday, was a column by George Will, headlined "Oklahoma's Coburn, C-o-b-u-r-n, Not a People Pleaser." Now on some of this you could just put the name of your least-favorite colleague, and it might apply. Reading: The U.S. Senate, which fancies itself the world's most exclusive club, has its Sir John Hawkins. He was the 18th century musicologist whom Samuel Johnson called, "a very unclubbable man." The very unclubbable senator is Oklahoma's Tom Coburn, 57, a freshman Republican whose motto could be "Niceness is overrated." The Oklahoman is the most dangerous creature that can come to the Senate, someone simply uninterested in being popular. When Speaker Dennis Hastert defends earmarks, which is spending dictated by individual legislators for specific projects, by saying that a member of Congress knows best where a stoplight ought to be placed, Coburn responds, members of Congress are the least qualified to make such judgments. Recently, when a Republican colleague called to say, "his constituency" would not allow him to support Coburn on some measure, Coburn tartly told the senator that "there is not one mention in the oath of office of your state." Senators are just not talked to that way under the ponderous rituals of vanity that the Senate pretends are mere politeness. Coburn is an obstetrician, not a political philosopher. So he may not realize he is acting on the precepts Edmund Burke explained to the Bristol voters who elected him to Parliament in 1774. Burke said Parliament is not an assemblage of "ambassadors from different and hostile interests." Its business is the national