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SENATOR JENSEN: "Strenth."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how do you pronounce it?

SENATOR JENSEN: "Straynth."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I hear it the same way.

SENATOR JENSEN: Do you?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You just...

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, I can't...I can't say it quite the way you do, but there are other people I hear say it the same way and I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, "strenth," is that the way I pronounce it?

SENATOR JENSEN: "Strenth," there it is, "strenth." Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I say "strenth" and you say "straynth."

SENATOR JENSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there anything in any English rule which says how that word should be pronounced?

SENATOR JENSEN: Not that I'm familiar.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What function and role does the G in that word serve?

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, see...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, see?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, no, no. (Laugh)