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SENATOR BAKER: February 28, a Tuesday.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not too many days ago.

SENATOR BAKER: Nope.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why did you schedule her appointment so late

in the session?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BAKER: Well, we were receiving appointments from the Governor's Office, and we decided we would wait till the last day of the committee hearings for that Transportation Committee—that was the last day—so that we stood a better chance of having all the appointments for this session in front of us, and we wouldn't have to come back later with a late one, had we gotten one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you describe her demeanor as lackadaisical, cheerful, perky, chipper, or dour?

SENATOR BAKER: Perky, cheerful.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Perky and cheerful. Did she smile a lot?

SENATOR BAKER: I...yes, I believe she did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What impressed you the most, other than her driving? I'm impressed by the fact that she drove 500 miles.

SENATOR BAKER: She seemed like a genuine person, dedicated to this appointment and fulfilling her obligations; just impressed me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many other women, if you know, are on this board?

SENATOR BAKER: That I can't answer, Senator Chambers. We can