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happened to be female, if she was cheerful and perky. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Among other things, yes, that's correct.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, I've been in the Legislature nine years, and it's the first time an appointee we've asked about whether that person needed to be cheerful and perky. And since you usually remind us a lot about perhaps some biases that we all have, I just can't help myself but to mention that I think that those...that I know you're stalling and doing things for time purposes, but I don't think we would be asking about a male who is being appointed whether that person was cheerful or perky. I've never heard that either. So, Senator Chambers, I just had to say that for the record.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Inaudible) to respond?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. You may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you giving your time to Senator Chambers?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, she did.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may have it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Thompson, good point made. But you will remember that I posed it as a question to see what Senator Baker's response and reaction would be because I was trying to inquire as to what impressed him about this appointee. So if I had declared that, you would be absolutely correct. However, I appreciate the fact that you did call attention to the fact that there are certain terms which, if applied to a female, can be considered demeaning, abasing, and sexist. So if what I said was taken that way, I give Ms. Keegan, every female a heartfelt apology and I will stand corrected but not chastened. I will continue to ask questions of those who are presenting an issue, to elicit from that person what his or her opinion is. And I'm sure Senator Foley has been subjected to questioning to me which