**AUDITION SIDE #16: NED monologue**

Oh my god, Dave, I completely embarrassed myself in front of that woman. I didn’t even know she was in the room. I was trying to figure out this chair, and suddenly she’s like, “Hi!” and I’m like, “aaaa!”, and then I was so embarrassed I couldn’t speak… Oh god… I’m just all… This whole day has been… Hasn’t it?... I was hoping I could sneak in here. When no one was looking… I just… really wanted to work on the budget. Did you look at the proposal that the General Assembly sent over? Good golly, Dave, those people are idiots. Look at this, look: They’re completely ignoring the fact that here’s a massive reduction in Federal funding for schools; our state’s gonna get twenty-three million dollars less this year. Which is the equivalent of – what?- uh…four hundred sixty full time teaching salaries, right? You overlook a detail like that, suddenly eighteen thousand, four hundred of our students don’t have a teacher. This is their education plan. And meanwhile, look: they’re almost doubling –*doubling* – government subsidies for all these dairy farms. If I sign this budget… we’ll end up with a state full of uneducated children, and very rich cows. The whole thing is a mess, Dave. I need to work on this. I need to just work on this, and not do anything else, like public speaking or appearing on television ever again in my life, okay? … You’re supposed to say, “Yes”, Dave. As my Chief of Staff, you’re supposed to say, “Yes” to whatever I ask… Can I make that the job description?