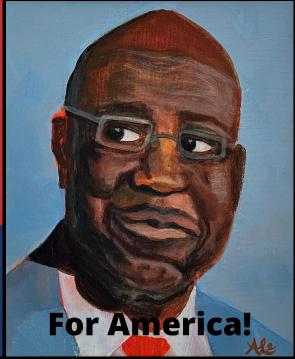
Grant meets Scribba:

Renewable Energy & More!





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On the morning of 7/20/22, House Minority Leader Scribba25 arrived at the Fremont Governor's <u>residence</u> for a semi-surprise visit during his <u>tour</u> of the state. As one of the most influential figures in the Democratic Party, and the wider American political theater, it's a rarity for this show of public bipartisanship. We must note that Scribba's trip includes touring the state with Fremont Senator Cypress' daughter <u>Zuri</u>. She is noticeably absent from this trip, understandably considering she is the lead attorney in a <u>lawsuit</u> against him.

In a black Ford Expedition, Scribba arrives promptly outside the residence and quickly exits the back seat and waves at Governor Grant. He walks up some steps to shake hands with the Governor, who waits by a podium for him.

SCRIBBA: "I am excited to be meeting with Governor Grant today. I have spoken with him several times during one of the President's <u>infrastructure</u> committee meetings but not in a setting central to such an important topic. There is nothing political about securing America's energy independence. I look forward to our discussion about this. Governor?"

Scribba steps aside for Grant.

GRANT: Good morning Fremont!

AUDIENCE: "Cheers."

GRANT: "Good to see so many of you down here to show a warm welcome to Mr. Scribba here. Scribba is a fascinating man and, while we disagree on a few political matters, he's done a lot of good for the rest of America and I hope that we can have some productive talks today. So, if you don't mind, we're gonna head inside and get to work!"

Governor Grant and **House Minority Leader** Scribba enter the Governor's mansion with Grant's wife, Isabel, and a few members of his security detail. Grant's children can be seen inside eagerly awaiting their father.



That afternoon, Scribba and Grant step outside the Governor's mansion. Supporters of Grant and Scribba cheer their arrival, many fans waving U.S. flags. Grant steps up to the podium first.

GRANT: "Good afternoon, everyone. This press conference was called because Scribba and I would like to explain the mutually beneficial talks that we've had today. So, we'll start taking questions! The Daily Preacher, on the front row?"

PRESS: "Representative Scribba, will you explain to us your views on Governor Grant's renewable energy scheme? The Governor has introduced a wind farm in San Francisco and <u>plans</u> to construct more in LA and other coastal cities. What do you think?"

SCRIBBA: "I hope many of you have read my Insignia OP-ED on <u>Wind energy</u>. Building large commercial wind turbines along the California cost is a smart, cost effective move that will benefit all of Fremont. I foresee many more popping up along the coast, just like in Dixie. The future of America is renewable. We'll take the next question from the Salt Lake Times on the second row over there! "

PRESS: "Governor Grant, how do you intend to proceed from here regarding renewable energy?"

GRANT: "I'm glad you asked that one. We've obviously got the wind farms planned for LA and a few other coastal areas. But that's not all, I intend to campaign to increase state funding for geothermal power up in Alaska and I've got some of our best science experts looking into solar energy in some of our hotter provinces. Truly some amazing workers, we've got some of America's best on this. But, to answer more generally, I'm going to make Fremont the most renewable state in the Union. Next question… gentleman with the large hat at the back!"

PRESS: "Representative Scribba, LA Gazette, can you tell us a little bit about the talks you've had in the mansion today? What do you feel has been gained from these discussions?"

SCRIBBA: "Governor Grant and I had a long discussion on the partisanship of securing energy dependence for our nation, how we as prominent members of our parties can bridge the divide and the different methods each state is taking to reach these goals. We expect to release a transcript later on. Can we take a question from CNN here on my right?"

PRESS: Representative Scribba, another for you, not about renewable energy though. Recently, the Governor has begun upgrading transport through high speed rail systems. Fremont is now the first and only U.S. state with bullet trains. How do you feel about this improvement to public transport? Do you think the Republicans are doing a better job than the Democrats did at transport?"

SCRIBBA: "Soon to be, I want to correct. Dixie might beat him to the punch!
Laughs High speed rail is a contentious issue on both sides of the aisle. I know
many Democrats who love it, and many who hate the thought of it. Same on the
Republican end. I believe Fremont what you're seeing can happen when both
parties put aside their bickering and work towards common ground, just like Grant

and I did today. We'll hear from the gentleman with the striped tie over on the left for one last question."

PRESS: Governor, Brigham City Post here. I'd like to ask, how do you feel about the state's homelessness problem? You've tackled energy issues, transport deficit, and many social issues since you took office but the homeless are still widespread. What do you intend to do to help these people?

GRANT: "First of all, as I'm sure Representative Scribba will agree, homelessness is one of the greatest modern tragedies in America. However, as you'll all know, I'm all about self-reliance. I believe in helping people to help themselves. I don't want a Fremont where people are dependent on government handouts. I think the best way to stop the homelessness crisis and extreme poverty in general is to give people the things they need to support themselves. A good education, a permanent residence, all that stuff. I have a lot of plans in my pocket to provide those things."

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