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by Frank De Canio

Some politicians opt to plant the seed
of lenience to cultivate its soil.
As such, constituents are fit to breed
the fruits engendered by another's toil.
Nor do they have to share the husbandry.
Indeed. How often do they spare each weed,
surrounding rosebud, bush and maple tree,
if only for promoting rampant greed
against the prudent farmer's hacking scythe.
What matter if it generates a blight.
They much prefer the forlorn farmer writhe
with grief at harvests lost than that he slight
ambitions that they'd shrewdly bring to fruit.
And should he balk, he's cut off at the root.