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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.