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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I am not going to pursue this either. I don't care either way. I am going to vote against it actually. I just think the way I read this, it's distinguished leadership; to me that means demonstrable or discernible leadership, it doesn't necessarily mean a distinguished person. I think you could have distinguished leadership and still not be necessarily a distinguished person in the terms of what Senator Chambers is talking about. On the other hand, I stand...understand it could be somewhat subjective. Some of us may think something or someone is distinguishable, and others may think not. So I realize it's subjective and I assume that's what he is getting at, but it's the way it's interpreted here in the statute or the way it's used, it's distinguishable leadership, which I think would be recognized, rather than that someone has made a mark in that particular area, and it could be in any, many facets of that area in which they are to be used in this...in this advisory committee, so I'm going to vote against it but it's not, to me, worth spending the rest of the day on, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and Senator Wehrbein, if it's not worth spending the rest of the day on, just take the word out. See, you all haven't been excluded. You are part of the good-old-boy club, if they decide to make you a part of it. There are clubs to which you could belong without being a member of the Legislature. No black person has ever been invited until he was a member of the Legislature. You all have no understanding or concept, so because it doesn't affect you, it's not worth wasting time on. I am going to waste some of your time as you all waste all of our time, and I'm going to bring some things right into your face, and you can vote it down if you want to, and it will show something about this body. The same disregardful attitude of this body is the disregardful attitude you are going to have on this committee you are setting up. You all, in your arrogance, say because it doesn't affect me, it is unimportant. It's not wasting time, or, no, nothing that doesn't pertain to your class is worth wasting time on, but we're going to waste some time on it, as you call it. That's what I'm here for, because when you have an all white group, they have an all white attitude, an all white perspective, and whatever doesn't fit within their narrow range does not count, it's unimportant, and it's not worth

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