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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, what we're doing is that this council of 30 people that had been established to look and bring suggestions and such, we're asking that that council will terminate on December 31, 2004. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. We are now discussing the new Stuhr amendment. Those wishing to speak are Senator Schimek, Senator Hartnett, Senator Crosby and Senator Suttle. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I turned on my light because my staff came over and said to me that they thought maybe we misunderstood the amendment that Senator Stuhr was offering. We visited about it this morning and I...my understanding was we were talking about the council, and I'm very supportive of that amendment because I think it's kind of in keeping with the philosophy that this Legislature has adopted or been talking about at least over the last couple of years, and that is that we need to pay more attention to the boards and commissions that we create. They need to be able to justify their existence, and I am confident that this, this board, will be very valuable. I don't know how long its existence is going to be necessary. It may be in four years we'll have to come back to this Legislature and say look at what we've done, we need to keep this going for another couple of years, but I have no problems with this approach. I think it's a good approach. It will keep everybody on their toes. I would encourage you to support the Stuhr amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Hartnett, on the Stuhr amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I intend to support this amendment, but I'm reminded when I...when they talk about sunsets in the Legislature. Let's go back a few years because when Senator Lee Rupp was a member of the Legislature and I think and I was just first here, he said there's no such thing as a sunset in the Legislature. (Laugh) Once the issues start, it just keeps going on and on. But I plan to support this sunset of my partner here, Senator Stuhr.