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commissioned officers left, but not one of them has held a commission for four years. What you're left with is a property and fiscal officer position which cannot be filled.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You have an assistantship which also cannot be filled. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before we go on, Mr. Clerk, an announcement.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Natural Resource Committee will met in Executive Session now in Room 2022; Natural Resources, Room 2022 immediately.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, for an announcement.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Judiciary reports LB 853 and LB 1157 to General File. Education reports LB 1161 to General File with amendments. Priority bill designation, Senator Kruse, LB 871. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 636-637.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, for the report. Further discussion on FA1464. Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senators Schimek and Chambers. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, I want to announce that I will support Senator Beutler's amendment because I think it's in keeping with what we're attempting to do here, so I don't have a problem with that. Getting back to Senator Chambers and his discussion, I'd like to ask Senator Chambers a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Chambers, did you refer to the