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SENATOR CONNEALY: I think that the reason was that there were...there was...financial institutions have certain expertise, and their interests would be of interest to the committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, the telecommunications sector are the ones who have that bad bill pending before us to cut out other public entities from horning in to what they feel is their territory. And they're not necessarily serving the public well. Why should they have a representative, when I don't see any representative of public power, for example? I'm just curious.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Once again, just to limit it. I think that they are a taxed entity, and so their input on the taxes that come from that industry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Mr. President, I don't think there was any scientific basis according to which these people were put on this commission. I think it's going to be a whole lot of time spent that will produce nothing. It will be like the mountain that roared and grumbled, and everybody was terrified, then it produced a mouse. Out walked a little mouse. All of this sound and fury is not going to generate anything in the way of a rational, reliable tax policy on which the Legislature can build. Either you should do it right, or not do it at all. I don't think this idea of being a beggar going around to these various agencies to try to get information is going to work. I don't even see in this bill a listing of the agencies that are going to be begged. Maybe they're in here, and like that Prego sauce, they're in here but I just missed them. But from what Senator Burling told us, there's all kind of free expertise just out there in the state, waiting to be tapped. I am going to vote against his amendment, because it concentrates all of the appointing power in the hands...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of the Governor, I believe, unless I may have read it wrong because I just got it off the machine. Okay. Eight members of the Legislature who...after...who will be