

carnival-type approach. No matter what is done to this bill or with this bill around the edges...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and on the fringes, the major problem is what is done. It eviscerates this commission. It guts it. There is no need to have it anymore. You've simply given the Governor another plaything, a toy, something with which to lead the public into thinking they have redress or recourse when, in fact, they have nothing. So I am going to be opposed to the bill but I am going to support what Senator Schimek did...is trying to do to show that I don't have grudges based on what she did to me.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no further lights. Senator Schimek, would you like to close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President, members of the body, just to reiterate, this amendment is about the language on page 29, line 2, and it would take out the words "and attempt to balance" so that the language would read, the Governor shall consider representation based on political party affiliation, race, gender, etcetera, etcetera. If we are going...if we are going to be...if we are really going to demand balance, then I think that we have to define what we mean by geographic areas. Are we talking about from each congressional district? That's generally what we are talking about when we are talking about geographic balance. If we are talking about age, what are we talking about? I mean do we break it down into young, middle aged and old. I mean I don't know how you exactly deal with this when you say you have to have balanced representation, especially when you go down to the end of that paragraph and it talks about seven different groups that have to be represented amongst those seven members of the commission, and it gets...it gets really complicated, and I would like to have perfect balance on that, but I recognize that it might not always be possible, but I'd still like to have all these things definitely taken into consideration when the Governor is making his appointments. And with that, I would simply urge the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Schimek amendment