

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Stuhr amendment is adopted. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend. (See FA487 on page 1044 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to open on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is not my bracket until the cows come home, is it? Mr. Clerk, okay. Members of the Legislature, this must be the one, then, on page 9, line 22, if you will look on page 9, in line 22, I am striking a word, and I am serious about striking this word. The word is "distinguished" and I hope Senator Wesely will listen to this. I don't like elitism. I don't like the good-old-boy network. I don't like any of that which makes it appear that there is a line based on class or any other inappropriate mark of separation. So having in this law the following language, I think, is inappropriate. Starting in line 22, it says, "Members appointed shall bring distinguished, broad-based leadership, expertise, and diversity to carry out the purposes and functions of the partnership council." Let me ask Senator Wesely a question.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wesely, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, what does distinguished mean exactly and precisely?

SENATOR WESELY: Distinguished would be I think recognized in some fashion, awards perhaps received, or recognition, maybe a title, a position that they may have been voted to, some act that would indicate some broad recognition of their achievements.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Might this not eliminate some of the ordinary citizens who have shown leadership in their communities and have expertise and can provide some diversity to the com...to this group, I mean of substance now, but this notion of distinguished, where you have to have these awards and titles