

also because the other day when I saw Alan Keyes, who is a Republican for president, being dragged away from a radio station, I think, or some place where they were having a forum, and I thought to myself, I was crying to explain this to my son, who is 15, of what was occurring here. And I couldn't decide if it was because he was black, or because he was a conservative, or because of both, or what the issue was here, or because he was less than the fourth person on the vote-getting. So it was kind of an interesting discussion that we had in the family on why this type of exclusion happened in the case of Alan Keyes, and why this exclusion was brought to light on the Constitutional Revision Committee, and then they tried to make it up. And Senator Stuhr, who is not here on the floor right now, but we had an interesting discussion in our committee, by saying, well, we'll throw three more on there. Well, by that time, and I am sure you can relate to this, it didn't count. And I know it's hard to talk to people who don't quite understand how coming in and throwing three more people on was more of an insult than an accommodation. And the discussion that we had, after the Keyes incident, I really...it was very interesting because it was a learning experience for all of us, an eye-opening experience for all of us on a number of issues, and I'm still bewildered by it. I still don't quite understand why it occurred. And in trying to explain it to my children, it had to be one of those areas, well, it could be this, and it could be that, but there is really no way for us to know. In the case of this particular bill I don't think anybody is going to kid themselves. The Governor gets to appoint all these people, regardless of anything we write in there, he's going to appoint who he wants to appoint, or she, or whoever is the Governor at the time, they're going to appoint who they want to appoint. I don't know why we need any of this language in this. Why don't you just say the Governor gets to appoint 7 to 15 people. You didn't want to put Avery's amendment in that talked about qualifications and taking them from certain areas and from congressional districts, and everybody voted that down. No, no, Senator Wesely said, we can't do that. And yet we can go with these kind of words that really you have to...you do have to go look in a dictionary to go see exactly what's meant by them. I mean it's some of those words that could mean something different to you, Senator Chambers, or to me. You find them exclusionary, I find them dumb (laugh), more than anything, kind of a stupid thing to put in a piece of legislation. And regardless of what words are here, the individual who gets to