

appoint these people can appoint anybody they darn well want to, because who's going to say no? The Legislature is, more than likely, not going to say no. They never have in my whole time here, even...well there's been one challenge. I think Senator Chambers challenged one appointment since I've been here, for four years. So they're going to be appointed regardless of what we say in this piece of legislation. And I'll go along with your amendment to take out "distinguished". As far as I'm concerned you could take out distinguished, broad-based leadership, expertise and diversity, because when we tried to get some expertise in here, under Senator Avery's bill, the people who are saying that they won't vote for your amendment said they wouldn't vote for Senator Avery's amendment. So they're really not being very logical or fair, which isn't surprising. But I do have to say that I do understand, when Senator Chambers talks about the word "distinguished", how he can feel that it's exclusionary. And I would hope the general public would understand...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...that I...I'll take all of this out of here because it means nothing, it absolutely means nothing. It doesn't do anything, one way or the other to the bill. The Governor can do it one way, or the other. And it's just some nonsense that somebody, you know, wrote in there, kind of like the intent language, which I'd really like to strip all this intent garbage out of this bill. If you take the time to actually read page 2 of this bill, basically what we're doing is socialized medicine, we're advocating for it. But I didn't want to hassle it, I wanted to have real amendments. But I'll vote Senator Chambers' amendment because, as far as I'm concerned, we can strip all this out and acknowledge that we're not...we don't have any criteria for these people. They're political appointments, period.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I'm only going to speak one more time on this. But, Senator Chambers, the only reason I'm coming back on is I don't think you heard what I said. And if you did and responded the way you did, I guess that's your prerogative. But I said that this was a definition that distinguishable defined leadership. And I was looking at