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we did try to incorporate several of them together and come out with just one, and we did kill the others, but they were killed in committee but only to be put into another bill. So thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. This is an interesting discussion, a learning experience, and we realized at the time, right after we had done it, we had made a mistake but there wasn't any backing up. I guess we could have reconsidered our kill motions, but it's simply a question we had amended them into LB 531 in the committee. They were all similar subjects dealing with the Public Service Commission issues, fees and hearings and so on, the process. Put them into one bill trying to create some efficiencies, is what we were doing. Rather than carry each individual bill, we simply amended them into LB 531, advanced it on a unanimous vote, and that was the logic behind it. But Senator Chambers makes an interesting point. Yes, there's some people probably here that didn't realize it would take 30 votes. I do now, and I did at the time. Just we weren't thinking about that at the time we "IPPed" these bills, so I take responsibility for that. We'll be more careful next time in what we're doing. As I recall, we were trying to clean up our bills held in committee and we felt these were noncontroversial bills, amended them into one, and put them out on the floor in the form of LB 531. Any other questions I'd be glad to answer. I would simply ask that we do consider a favorable vote on these. They're bills that are needed. Do generate a little General Fund revenue and actually they're all just clean-up bills for Public Service Commission. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one of our elderly members of the body needs time to ponder the question that I asked. One of our newer and younger members is willing to answer my question, so I would like to ask Senator Erdman a question.