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the situation. My colleagues were also made aware of the situation, and Senator Connealy and I arranged another meeting in an effort to strike some kind of compromise. Again it was made clear that the application from the Governor's Research Office would most likely be the application selected. I have had mixed feelings, once I became aware of Senator Chambers' amendment. I have been upset about the principle of what has happened in regard to the Rural Development Commission and I will continue to believe that the commission did act in good faith. Last Thursday the commission's board held a conference...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...call and discussed Senator Chambers' proposal. The commission expressed some concern about being put back in statute, but I believe that the amendment that now is before us will take care of that concern, and that was all the appointments being made by the Governor or by one person because there is a general feeling that it is better to have a wide range of interest and that those members be selected by individual entities. The proposal that Senator Chambers offers today would make the membership structure more friendly to future funding opportunities. This has all been very difficult for me, particularly since I introduced the statute to remove the commission from statute. I will be supporting Senator Chambers' amendment, particularly because what has transpired in the last month.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. We're discussing the Chambers amendment, FA1392, which is an amendment to AM2081. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers, Connealy and Baker. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the idea behind the Chambers amendment and wish to speak regarding a little bit about the historical