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from regional economic development organizations, one from the private sector, one from postsecondary education, one youth, and then two members at large. I guess it would be seven. So that would give some more flexibility and I am certainly willing to listen to that and think that would be a good improvement. My main concern is that you get people on this commission who want to be on the commission, who will serve on the commission, and who will be good ambassadors to the commission and back to their communities. I also recognize the fact that you need people who can help get things done, too. So there is some reason for leaving some kind of a litany list in this. And if I could, Senator Connealy, I know that you spoke on this, and if you would like to respond to that suggestion, and meanwhile we'll continue the conversation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, did you wish to respond?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, Senator Schimek, that would be agreeable with me. The main purpose is that we fit within the federal guidelines because of the current rural development legislation on the federal level says that it has to be broad based, and that's what we were trying to do to make sure that it wasn't just appointed by the administration. Even though that's the current structure, if we are going to participate either under this proposal or some proposal by the Governor, it has to be broad based and it has to have more input than just from the Governor. And so we're trying to fit that, and I agree with your proposal. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy and Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers. On your amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I didn't get to hear what Senator Baker said other than that he opposes what is being attempted here. Now there are issues I've gotten involved in that do not pertain to my legislative district. I've said repeatedly and I will continue to repeat it while on the floor of the Legislature that I am a state senator and I will undertake to do those things that I think are appropriate to be done. I will lend my assistance to areas of