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Let me walk you through this because I don't know if it's up on your gadgets or not, but it's on page 1 of the amendment. And all it does is it would strike on line 18 the words "federal agencies" and it would add...and it would strike on line 20 the word "and," and on 21 it would say, after "youth," "and two members at large." And then on line 21 it would strike "shall" and insert "may," and leave "individuals" as originally written. And let me read to you what it would say then: Other members shall be selected by the members appointed by the Governor and the Speaker of the Legislature to represent local governments, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, regional economic development organizations, the private sector, postsecondary education, youth, and two members at large. Entities representing such interests may nominate individuals for membership. And I have several reasons. First of all, to not mandate so many officials would be on this commission, you'd have more people from their communities by adding the two members at large, and then because I think it would be rather cumbersome to insist that these entities nominate persons for membership, partly because they don't all have somebody they necessarily want to. How would...who...what local governments would be...get together to decide who should be nominated? What nonprofit organizations would get together to decide who should be nominated? And we said, in Senator Chambers' format, one person, I believe. So this would give some flexibility. If they want to make nominations, fine. If they don't want to, fine. But then those nominations are considered by the commission and the selections can be made from those nominations or from whomever the commission may recruit. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on FA1395, offered by Senator Schimek to AM2081 offered by Senator Chambers to LB 48. Open for discussion on the Schimek amendment. There were several lights on, so, Senator Quandahl, you're the first speaker.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I thought, just in listening to some of the conversations here, that I'd get up and discuss the process of what's going on here rather than the actual substance or the