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beating himself, because of the fact that we took a vote. I told him there is no reason for him to beat himself to death over this; let me do that when time comes for such a beating to be administered, but I don't think this is one of those occasions. So he may feel the need to express his mea culpas, but I do not believe it was his intent to mislead us, to deceive us, to withhold something from us that we needed to know. He's completely able to speak for himself. But I want to let everybody know that, from my standpoint, the only thing I want is a vote to reconsider. That is all. Other people may have other things they want to put into the record or say. If you have any questions of me about my motion, I will answer them. As to the rest of it, there's nothing for me to comment on at this time, and that would be my response if I was asked a question about those types of matters. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the reconsideration motion. (Visitors introduced.) Discussion on the Chambers motion to reconsider? Senator Preister, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, earlier we heard that this was the land of milk and honey, and now I would add egg. Some of us feel like we have egg on our faces. The Governor may feel that way, as well as DEQ, on this appointment. I stand in full support of Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider. In fact, I was looking at doing that same reconsideration motion myself. As Senator Chambers stated, this does not mean that we will not approve the appointment. It will just simply take back the approval vote that we did yesterday on this appointment to the Environmental Quality Council. Considering that the federal EPA and NDEQ and the Highway Patrol are doing an investigation on the ethanol plant that this appointment is the environmental compliance officer of, it seems appropriate that at least we would take some pause to reconsider what this appointment was. We may want to do it later. However, at this time, I think this motion to reconsider is very appropriate. This particular person, who did have a hearing, and I thought a very fair and good hearing, was asked some very pointed questions by other members of the committee, but