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share that information with the body. I personally think that she's probably a good person to confirm. She has been serving on the Department of Environmental Quality Council since June, I believe, . . . since last July, and I understand that her professionalism and her objectivity has been great. Of all the people we've interviewed for the Environmental Quality Council position, she probably interviewed as well or better than any of the rest. At the time of the wrongdoing, Mrs. McDowell was not and did not have oversight at the Chief facility in Hastings, and was unaware of an investigation taking place. I do know that. The investigation has been ongoing for over a year, with only the department, the State Patrol, the Attorney General, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency involved. There is a procedure in place for the council to remove any member if a member is known to have participated in any illegal activities. I should have shared that information with you yesterday. I found out briefly before confirming her yesterday morning. I apologize for that. I think the motion is appropriate. I will say this; I do think that I do have a disagreement with Senator Preister on the makeup of the Environmental Quality Council. I think the people who are being regulated should have a say in how the regulations affect their industry. But I will also tell you that I think, given the right tools, farmers do a good job of regulating themselves. No one in this state wants to be a polluter. And who knows more about how regulations affect industry than the people who are being regulated? And I think the makeup of the Environmental Quality Council is just fine. Could it be improved? Sure, there's always room for improvement. So I do have to respond to Senator Preister's comments on that. With that, I hope this doesn't take a lot of time. I don't think we should question Mrs. Debra McDowell's integrity at this time. I think some more information will be shed and we can act on this, we can act on confirming her at a later time this session. I hope that's the case. I think it will be. But at this time I think it's appropriate to find out more information. I thank Senator Chambers and Senator Preister for their comments. And once again I will say I'm, Senator Chambers, I'm not beating myself over this. But for the record, I did tell my staff this morning, before talking to you and before . . . before (inaudible) to your knowledge, I said, you know, we did the wrong thing yesterday morning; we should have passed