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problem because of the backlog, when, as Senator Friend pointed out, he was having to push 37 times for 37 appointees that he knew nothing about, and most likely the Health and Human Services Committee had very little time to do anything about. I'm not pointing fingers and saying somebody is to blame. There's enough blame to go around. I'm, for one, trying to assume some responsibility and say, let's look at this, let's make some decisions in how we can improve it. I think through an interim study, through all of us putting some effort and attention to it, we can put some direction and some guidance into how this takes place for the future. We can't change the past, but we can learn from it, and we can make some decisions that do improve it. And I'm willing to work on that over the interim. I'm willing to work with any of the committees, including the Government Committee, that Senator Schimek has done a very good job in pointing out what boards and commissions exist, who's being appointed, what ones can be eliminated. We need to look at all of those things. That's an important thing that Debra McDowell is bringing to our attention. And for a third time now, in this time of speaking, I say thank you to her, and appreciate that she has brought all this to light. However, there is one other issue that I feel is still broken. And that's why I didn't vote for the last confirnee. We have 16 people on the Environmental Quality Council. If you read through that list, the appointees are certainly appropriate for the positions they're being nominated for. However, the underlying premise is that we have a lot of people representing "regulatees." Nearly all of the 16 members are potential "regulatees." It's not a balanced council. It's totally imbalanced. That's the bigger problem. That's the philosophical, underlying flaw in this system. These 16 potential "regulatees" then set the rules that they're .

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...regulated by. In addition to that, they choose the final nominees that the Governor chooses to be the director of the Department of Environmental Quality. And I will say that over and over and over again, because different people are listening at different times. And I think that's where there's a flaw. We don't have a pediatrician that's a member of