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his, which in my mind are far more significant and consequential than the appointments that he makes to boards and commissions. This is not to say that appointing power and its exercise is not important, but it is far from being the most important thing that the Governor does. From the Governor's standpoint, the most important thing for him to do is to get elected to the office that he has in mind to run for. In the past, it was to be reelected Governor; in the future, it's to be elected U.S. Senator. When you look at the things that he is doing and the comments he is making, all of these things aim at a run for the U.S. Senate, and he's trying to compile a record that can be used in his brochures. Why will he keep saying, well, whatever happens, there will be no tax increases? He doesn't know, unless he has talked to so many of my colleagues and already bullied and whipped them into submission, and they, like boot-licking, lackeying, running dogs,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...have told the Governor, you speak and I'll do what you tell me to do. He doesn't know how we're going to resolve this issue from our side. And if he vetoes, we're able to override, as we did last session. And my colleagues sit around and don't take issue with what the Governor says, which gives the impression that what he says is such a foregone conclusion that the legislative leaders must have gone along with it already, so they are anticipating that we will do what he has said is his agenda. He may prevail. But he has at least one person on this floor that he knows he's going to have to fight in order to get those things done which, in my opinion, go against what the Legislature ought to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Smith, on the confirmation report.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do have a couple of questions for Senator Preister. I'm trying to piece all of these issues together, and determine, or try to detect at least, what Senator Preister's vision is for this process, and maybe more specifically the Environmental Quality Council.