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SENATOR PREISTER: There are many. But I don't have a particular preference. I just think that this Environmental Quality Council needs to have a balance, and right now it's totally imbalanced.

SENATOR SMITH: Is it your suggestion that the last appointee that we voted on is imbalanced, based on your red light?

SENATOR PREISTER: The last appointee was appropriate for the position in industry that he was filling, and he was qualified to represent that industry. My "no" vote represented the fact that I think the makeup is flawed, that it's totally imbalanced, and that there needs to be at least some offsetting information that comes from a different perspective than industry.

SENATOR SMITH: Uh-huh. So it...was your vote out of protest then, similar to Senator Chambers'?

SENATOR PREISTER: My vote was as I stated when I spoke prior, that I think we need to bring attention to a process that's flawed, and to a makeup on this particular body that does need to be changed. So my vote was not against the appointee so much, because I think he is appropriate for the position he's serving in. But the Environmental Quality Council makeup is a flawed system when it's totally one-sided.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Senator Preister. Members, I hope that we can engage in a discussion when it comes to confirmations, preferably at the committee level rather...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...than occupy the time here on the floor. But I believe that we as members are responsible for maybe digging a little deeper perhaps. Maybe we all have agendas and we want to see our favorite groups represented on various boards and commissions. I really think that that's a separate issue than the process in which we engage here as a body or in committee. And if we have the political will to do a little more in-depth review, maybe asking more questions in committee, we certainly have the opportunity to do that. Thank you, Mr. President.