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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Cunningham, how long have you been on the Business and Labor Committee?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: One year, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would that be this year or you were on it

last year?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: This...no, this year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is your first year on the committee?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you won the chairmanship?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was business supporting your chairmanship?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Nobody campaigned for my chairmanship...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't say campaign.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...that I know of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were they in support of your chairmanship?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Were they opposed to it?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Obviously not or you wouldn't have gotten it. Now, are you aware that the business community came in and said they wanted to reduce the amount of premiums that they paid because the times were good and they felt the fund was getting large enough so that they should be able to cut back on the amount they were paying into it? Are you aware that that happened?