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SENATOR BOURNE:    Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK:    And if I'm correct, the at-large position is now being filled by a person who operates a grain elevator.

SENATOR BOURNE:    Okay. So again, the opposition to the bill was more along the lines of just a reluctance for any type of change, rather than anything specific in the bill?

SENATOR SCHROCK:    That is correct.

SENATOR BOURNE:    Thank you, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Bourne. The issue before the body is the Schrock amendment, AM0885, which is an amendment to the Natural Resources Committee amendments to LB 351. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:    Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I have some concerns about adding another individual or two individuals on this committee. I think this committee is probably way too large to start with. One of the concerns that I have is, you know, what is the real value of having a biologist on this Environmental Control Council? And maybe I could engage in a little conversation with Senator Preister, if he would, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Preister, would you yield?

SENATOR PREISTER:    Yes, I will.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:    Senator Preister, of what value and...what would be the asset part of it of having a biologist on the Environmental Council? What would...what can he do? What information can he give to the Environmental Council that would be beneficial to the Environmental Council as far as, you know, making things, you know, friendlier, liveable, and workable on the decisions that are given by the Environmental Quality Council? So could you address that?