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discussion on the Schrock amendment. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Would Senator Preister yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, would you yield?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Preister, when we talk about a biologist, what are your...I know that we did not define it. What kind of qualifications do you see a quality appointment having?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator, we don't have definitions for any of the Environmental Quality Council representatives, as you know. So this would not be any different than a chemical or petroleum representative, or a power industry representative. A biologist would be, in my understanding, someone who has a degree in biology by an accredited higher education institution. The traditional definition of a biologist would be somebody with the degree that preferably has experience and has worked in the area.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And I see where you're going with the comparison to the lack of definitions for representatives of other parts of the council. I would interject here and say that a representative of an industry is...we may not like that, perhaps, that it's too open-ended, but it is certainly, I think, meeting the intent and perhaps the qualifications. And I'm not sure yet how I want to address this. But saying someone is a biologist without saying that it's a degree or something is certainly a little more problematic than saying someone is a representative of agriculture or the chemical, petroleum industry, whatever the case may be, according to the council. But are...would you object to trying to define perhaps a biologist so that we can make sure the intent is carried out?

SENATOR PREISTER: My only concern would be that I don't know that we can single out a specific description for one particular