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to continually change the council? At this point, it was sort of our understanding that for now, this is what you were asking.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Stuhr, I do not intent to introduce another bill next year, if this bill passes. And my intention is to provide some input onto the council. I've never tried to dominate. I've never proposed any semblance of even a balance, a split balance for having other people on the committee, compared to what it is now. I've only sought to have some representation by the affected people, and to bring a professional level of expertise to the council. So to answer your question again, it's not my intent to bring...this isn't the slippery slope that some people might think. I'm not intending to come back. I probably couldn't get another bill out of the committee, even if I brought it. And knowing the makeup of the body, this is the very best I could ever hope for. So I'm willing to compromise. This is, as you well know, having served on the committee and heard those bills, a very scaled back version of what I wanted.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes. And with those remarks, thank you, Senator Preister. And I will be supporting the amendments, and also the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Further discussion. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd just like to make a few comments, too. I serve on the Natural Resources Committee. And Senator Preister has brought us a bill many, many years to do this, to change the Environmental Quality Council. And this year he's come down to where, I think, with the committee amendments, it's a biologist and a minority group. I don't, I guess, have quite the same fears that he has because those on the council are the regulatees, because I have spoken to many of the people on the council, and just ask them if they feel like they are interested in polluting. I mean, they all really want to do the best what they can. And it's a very diverse group. If you look down the list, the petroleum industry, power industry, ag processing, livestock industry, ag activity, crop production, food