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SENATOR CUDABACK: Twice, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On Senator Burling's amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: On this one here, you talked...this is your second time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, on this one? Then I'm going to have to be critical of the drafting. Now, the public has term-limited me. But I don't think the Executive Board has. Here's what...if you read lines 5 through 7, you'll see eight members of the Legislature, at least six of whom will not be term-limited out of the Legislature in January 2007 by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. They ought to talk to Senator Hudkins or me or somebody. Here's what they probably should have said: eight members of the Legislature by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, at least six of whom will not be term-limited out of the Legislature in January. They're going to be appointed by the Executive Board, not term-limited by the Executive Board. And I know people don't care how we draft legislation, but I do. So I have to be critical of that. But there's a substantive matter that I'm critical of, too. I will see whether or not the body is going to adopt Senator Burling's amendment to give all of this authority to the Governor, when the Legislature is not going to develop any kind of institutional memory if term limits will take hold. The Governor is being given power to appoint his or her choices to lay out a tax policy which will favor the executive branch. You cannot, in my opinion, have a totally objective study of something as broad and significant as this bill envisions, when the appointment of the people is in the hands of one individual, whoever that individual is. So I am not in favor of Senator Burling's amendment. But because I don't know whether his will be adopted, or the committee amendment will be adopted, I cannot offer an amendment that I would like to make. But I'll tell you what offends me. Labor has no representative. Everybody does. That's why I say there should be a labor committee and a business committee, not Business and Labor, because the only one that's given any consideration is business, not labor. When you talk about one representative, whether to be selected by the Business and Labor