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SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd like to ask Senator Burling...well, let me ask Senator Connealy a question first. Because...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you respond?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Connealy, why did not the...this Revenue Committee put a representative of labor on this thing?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I think the driving force on it was trying to limit the number and getting it down to a manageable level. In discussions on the committee, it was saying that even at this number, it was a large committee and hard to do the work that needs to be done on a committee level basis. And so I think that the main concern was to try to limit the number of representatives, to be a legislative committee, not...at least driven committee, not by the outside. And I think that we limited people, not...from the list that Senator Burling had, we pared it down, and this is what we came up with.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But if you don't mind, Senator Connealy, business...I meant, industry and manufacturing create tax problems, because they are sucking out all of these incentives. Why should they be there to put a tax policy in place that's going to benefit them, but the working people who pay the taxes have no representation? Why is that?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Well, I don't necessarily disagree. I think we...the main driver was trying to limit it so you could bring some expertise in different areas. I don't fight what you're talking about on making sure that people that work are represented.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, the financial sector are the ones who pushed Congress and the President into signing that Draconian bill that relates to bankruptcy. Why are they on here? Why do they have a representative?