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ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1367.) The vote is 1 aye, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was not adopted and I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, motion.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken on AM1447.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your reconsideration motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. As I said, we're going to be here late night and this is the first one, I believe, so I want to get my share of that time, and I'm reconsidering the vote just taken which went against me. And the only reason I didn't vote yes, had I voted yes, I wouldn't be in a position to reconsider. These types of amendments may be fought off by the Appropriations Committee, but the fact that they're going to try to provide a solid phalanx will not deter me from offering my amendments. Now some of you are going to have amendments that you want to offer also. Whether I support them or not, I probably will use the opportunity to take some time off the clock. The budget does not belong to the Appropriations Committee. They probably are one of the hardest working committees, if not the hardest working committee, in the Legislature. They deal with issues that are not exciting. They require a great amount of attention to detail, and they do their work and present a budget to the body. I probably would agree with almost everything that they've done, but until I've had a chance to evaluate it, I cannot say. This issue that I'm bringing is here because I received, as I've stated, information from the Environmental Trust Fund. There are numerous sources of revenue tapped by the Game and Parks Commission. I don't know whether an ordinary person, as I would define that term, has been on the commission. I know that there has never been a majority of the commissioners falling into that category. That's why they get their way. Influential men dictate to the Legislature what is going to be