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is improve the balance. Balance strengthens credibility. In my original proposal in the green copy, I had 30 members on the commission. I felt like that was pretty good...representative of everybody, and brought balance as well as I could. I introduced the bill to the Revenue Committee. There were no opponents at the hearing. I said to the committee, here's my idea; work with...I'll work with you; change it any way you need to, to get it out of committee. And they reduced it to 15. I'm committed to holding to that number, and the challenge is how to create balance, is what we're trying to do with this amendment. Short of passing this amendment or the Jensen amendment, I would suggest to you that the seven positions that the Governor is in charge of appointing right now are specified areas of interest. The Executive Board, however, in appointing their eight senators, is not limited to areas of interest. And I would hope that they would look at the balance on the committee, and maybe seriously consider senators that they feel would especially focus on those areas that are out of balance, and bring more balance to this commission. Without expanding the numbers, I don't...I think that's the best way to do that. I'm suggesting that, and hopefully we'll be able to bring credibility and balance in that way, rather than adding numbers. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to engage Senator Burling in a back and forth. I did that the first time, to make a point, if I was able to. Any governor is going to make political use of any appointments, any governor. Since I don't belong to either political party, I don't have an ax to grind with either one of them, and in many cases I see not a nickel's worth of difference between the two parties. As parties, they soft shoe on issues, they try to say what they think the public will accept, not even necessarily what the public wants to hear, so that they stay below the radar, they don't ruffle any feathers, and they just slide through. When it comes to appointing people to something such as this, nobody may care too much, because they know that the resulting so-called report won't be worth the paper it's written