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conversation here today about whether or not this individual can be impeached or can't. Should he be censured or not? I don't But the point is, is that I think that this is a significant enough of an issue that we should at least So if my amendment is adopted, what would investigate it. happen is we would issue a resolution that sets forth the allegations of what the individual did wrong. It would ask the regent to resign his seat. It would call upon the Governor to fill the vacated seat, pursuant to statute. It would call for a special election, to be held in conjunction with the general election, to fill the vacated seat. But then we'd add this language here, this floor amendment, and it would say that if Mr. Hergert fails to resign within 60 days of receiving notice of this resolution, the Exec Board of the Legislative Council shall meet forthwith and appoint a special committee of the Legislature to consider and recommend legislative options. So I took out the language that says...talked of impeachment and simply says to consider and recommend legislative options. The Executive Board may hire special counsel and shall finance whatever investigation is necessary to aid the special committee in reaching a proper determination. The special committee shall render its recommendations to the Exec Board by January of 2006. So that's what my amendment does. It simply takes away the impeachment language and gives the special committee room or flexibility to discover or look at other options. As I'm listening to the discussion, I, you know, you can hear the passion. People are interested, people are concerned about this, and I, quite honestly, I don't know how we got here, but I think we have an obligation to make sure we don't get here again, and I think looking into it helps prevent this in the future. I would urge your adoption of the floor amendment. Senator Stuhr, I appreciate your help on this. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them. With that, I'd yield the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about 8, 32.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Bourne. Members of the Legislature, this is indeed what could be called a compromise. Those people who feared the word "impeachment" no longer have that fear. The fact that this