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little bit different, that possibly half or less be not termed out, be in their first couple years, because then you could get...you can realistically get some more institutional knowledge by being here in your...in your fifth or sixth year or seventh year. But the way this is set up right now, six of the eight, 75 percent of the eight senators, will be, you know, in their first four years. And I'll truly admit, the first four years you really don't hardly get to the tax structure, the majority of us don't, and policy. So with that, those are my comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, when we started this morning, I was in my office. Were you the one who welcomed everybody back for the 19...I meant, for the 2006 Session? Could we turn Senator Burling on, if you don't mind, his microphone? Senator Burling.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: There we are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. You were the one who welcomed everybody back to the 2006 Session when we started. Is that true?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's good. I think it set a very ecumenical and friendly tone at the outstart, and we need to enjoy that while we can because I don't think it will last too long. But I could be mistaken. Here's a question I will ask you. Is there anything rational behind the selection of the number of members that will make up this commission? Is it...was this number just kind of taken out of the air, or is there some logical reasoning behind it?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, I think you need enough people on it to have broad representation from around the state, and yet the