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offer amendments. I'd like to ask Senator Burling a question or two during my close.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling, would you respond?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, when you were putting this together, the green copy, were you in discussions with the Governor's Office? By that I meant anybody who speaks for the Governor, represents the Governor, works for the Governor.

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did that person suggest that the Governor be allowed to make appointments to this commission?

SENATOR BURLING: It was my idea to have the Governor involved in this commission so that the executive branch and legislative branch would work together on this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't phrase the question clearly. Let me rephrase the question. Did anybody who works with or for the Governor or the Governor's Office suggest that the Governor be allowed to make appointments to this commission?

SENATOR BURLING: After I suggested it first.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me rephrase the question. At any point during the discussion of this bill did the Governor's Office or anybody representing the Governor's Office suggest that the Governor be allowed to make appointments to this commission, yes or no, if you recall?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, I don't recall specifically.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you don't know whether the Governor's Office or anybody representing that office suggested that the Governor be allowed to make appointments to this commission?

SENATOR BURLING: All I remember for sure is they concurred with