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SENATOR BURLING: Um-hum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's under the aegis of the government. Isn't that right? This would be considered like a bureaucracy, a part of the bureaucracy. It's not a part of the Legislature, is it?

SENATOR BURLING: This is a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it an independent commission, you would say?

SENATOR BURLING: Yeah, the Legislature formed this commission to do a study and bring recommendations to us.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it's not a legislative commission, is it?

SENATOR BURLING: It has no authority.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's not a legislative commission, though, is it?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, yeah, the Legislature authorized it, so it's a legislative commission.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if it's a legislative committee, nobody from the executive branch could be on it, could they?

SENATOR BURLING: They can be if we want them to be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose the court said, no, you can't?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, then we can't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So do you consider yourself right now a fiscal conservative, or a wild-eyed, spending, tax-raising liberal? Which do you consider yourself?

SENATOR BURLING: Conservative.