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do raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is Senator Chambers' FA330.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA330 to LB 542.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would withdraw this one.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Chambers, I now have FA331, Senator.
(Legislative Journal page 252.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA331.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is one that you ought to listen to. At least I want the record to show that, but you really don't have to listen if you don't want to, obviously. (Laugh) On page 1, beginning in line 14, we have language which says the following: "at least six of whom will not be term-limited out of the Legislature in January 2007." That is the language I would strike, and all that would remain is: "Eight members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council." If the board is going to make these appointments, the board would have the discretion to appoint whomever is a member of the Legislature to serve on this commission. If this amendment is adopted, perhaps some language could be put in, not only for this one, but for others, to fill any vacancy that may occur during the period of time that this review and other activity by the commission is going forward. And remember, this is not a bill that I favor. But if you should make the mistake of enacting it into law, I think it should be in a different form. So you might ask why I would want to strike this language. I would ask, why should it be there? It is obvious, at the surface, what the answer to that "why" is. They don't want somebody who's going to be term-limited put on that commission as the Legislature's appointee. There are people who are going to be term-limited out of here who, if this thing comes into being, would have very valuable contributions to