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so doing, I would open the way for a lot of that trash legislation that I'd have to stand up on the floor and fight against, like I'm doing here. But those are matters tangential to the crucial, significant one of what a legislature is to be, and the work that is to be done by legislators. I don't think that though some are coming to the end of the race, they ought to slack off and we ought to treat them as though they're not full-fledged members of this body. Their vote still counts as much as anybody else's, and there are still contributions they can make. Anybody that the Exec Board would attempt to appoint to this commission could refuse. Nobody would be compelled. But there might be somebody who would have a great deal to contribute, if he or she were willing to do so. What I would rather see, in preference to this language, is to strike it and create a provision by which the Executive Board would appoint somebody to fill any vacancy on the legislative side that would occur. We could then get the benefit of the knowledge, the expertise, the ability of those who are still among us. That's why I'm offering this amendment. If this amendment is adopted, I would then come back, because I have a number of amendments pending, and I would have time to structure it properly, although it won't be difficult, to just put in a provision for the filling of any vacancy, not only on the legislative side, but on the Governor's side. The Governor would appoint somebody to fill the vacancy in any category which lost a representative, and the Exec Board would appoint somebody to fill any vacancy that came open on our side of the ledger. If anybody wants to ask me any question on this, I'm prepared to answer it. But I'm serious about this amendment, even though I'm not in support of the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA331. Open for discussion. Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We're talking about whether we ought to talk about taxes in this state, and clearly, I think that it's a subject that the citizenry has a great deal to say. It's certainly a subject that we spend a great deal of time on in the Legislature, and it is clear that the executive branch could actually appoint a