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recognized to speak, if you care to.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted...you know, on this particular amendment, I just wanted to inform the body that, you know, however you want to vote on this is all right, but that was put in there that way to ensure that if there are recommendations to come from this commission that the Legislature wants to implement, that there would be people on this floor that were on the commission at the time that it did its study and deliberations and made their recommendations. I think that's...would be a great advantage to this body to have some people actually on the floor that were a part of the commission recommendations. So if you want to take that out, that's fine, but I think it's very important that that be done. So that was what I wanted to do, Mr. President, was give that explanation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment? Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on FA331.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if this amendment is adopted, it does not hurt anything. It simply opens a pool of talent which, if the amendment is not adopted, would be cut off from utilization. One of the problems with America in the world market, on the world stage, is the inability to compete with other countries because there are so many arbitrary and artificial restrictions imposed on certain groups, because those who do the restricting feel it's more important to hold those people down than it is to let the country flourish by making use of and taking advantage of the diverse talents and abilities that are in this country. As a result, mediocrity comes into play. There always has to be a locking at how is this going to benefit these people who are not to be a part of it? But in holding down these people, there's a spillover, and everybody has to be held down, too. And a country cannot remain strong, if it is strong, with that kind of attitude. When the country itself works against its own population, the country is doomed to fail, because Abraham Lincoln, quoting from something that was uttered hundreds of