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Raikes, and Schrock. Senators Stuhr and Preister. Senator Janssen. Senator Cunningham. Senator Schrock and Senator...all members are present or accounted for. The question before the body is, shall FA331 be adopted to LB 542? All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. The question before the body is adoption of the Chambers amendment, FA331. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Motion was successful. FA331 has been adopted. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Chambers' FA332. (Legislative Journal page 252.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA332 to LB 542.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the effect of this amendment would be to reduce the membership from 16 to 15, and I'm going to give my rationale for it. In line 13 on page 1, you find the number of members to be appointed to the commission, and that number is 16. I would strike "sixteen" and insert "fifteen," and the way I would bring this membership down to 15 is by striking line 17. And somebody may be able to explain to me why an economist ought to be on this commission. It might be very alluring, because of the designation of a person by the word "economist," to presume or assume that this individual may have expertise in the area of talking about taxes and taxation. I would like to ask, if he is available, Senator Raikes a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Is Senator Raikes on the floor? Yes, he is. Senator Raikes, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator