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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...Environmental Quality Council. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Schrock. And this will be your third time, Senator. Senator Schrock waives the opportunity. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the information I was given by way of note was that his biological father was Mexican, his mother is Irish. So maybe he took his mother's last name. But at any rate, some of the information which has surfaced could have led to a different type of discussion had it been made available sooner. Any time one of these commissions or boards has a person appointed, and that person is identified as a member of a minority group or as a minority, making it a noun, I'm going to inquire into that. There are so many instances when people may have a last name that would suggest he or she is a member of a certain ethnicity, and it's not true at all. I had stated near the very beginning that based on the qualifications cited by Senator Schrock, this man would be qualified to serve on this council, as far as what the council does. But I was very concerned, as I've expressed, about placing a person on a council as a minority representative who may not in fact be such. And I'm sure if Mr. Bradley has all of the understanding that we conclude that he has from the activities he's been involved in, he will understand, maybe better than people on this floor, why I've taken the approach that I have. And I will do it again when such an issue arises. So if an individual is going to be presented to the body as a minority group member or a spokesperson for minorities or a representative, they, whoever presents it, should be prepared to explain why that designation is given, and the justification for it. I wish Senator...he's not here, Senator Raikes. I want to ask Senator Schrock a question, because he would probably know the answer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will.