

political office". That's the part that would be stricken and we'd leave this language in, "use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting the results thereof." So that would take just that part out of the law that they cannot hold public office or be a member of a political party, or hold office in a political party. As I said before, I think this is pretty unfair to these people. We passed a law early in the session that took some restrictions off of the teaching profession that they can hold office in city councils with a manager-type government. We didn't have a dissenting vote. This really came to my attention when I was very active in a political campaign of my own in my own area and found that people working for the Game and Parks Commission in my particular area were forbidden from taking any part in the political activities of that community. I think this is wrong and I think we should relieve them and make it possible for them to take part in a limited way at least of political activity. I don't know how far we're going to get this afternoon with very few of us here, but I think I'll stop now and hope that there would be some questions if you don't understand what we're trying to do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Kahle, I think I understand the bill, but I'd like to ask a question to make sure that I would know what we'd be allowing here. We would be allowing the Game and Parks Commission, any member thereof to run for any public office and hold any office. Is that true?

SENATOR KAHLE: I think they could hold a limited office. I'm not sure about the director, I'm sure could not hold office because he already has an office.

SENATOR CULLAN: I see. Would you be adverse to an amendment that would allow them to participate in political activities but would restrict them from holding a public office?

SENATOR KAHLE: If you define the public office, I think it would be alright. I think there's nothing wrong with them holding, for instance, a township office or a school-board office or even maybe possibly an office in the county, but if it was for a state office I think I would support this because I think there could be some conflict of interest if they would run for the Legislature for instance.

SENATOR CULLAN: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. I'd like to ask a question of the Speaker and maybe the Chair also. Is it possible for us to get at least 25 votes here? There's not that many now.

PRESIDENT: How can I answer that? What difference would my answer make, Senator?

SENATOR NEWELL: I think...I voted before not to adjourn. I think now if there's no way...