

indicated when I got that information that I was not going to vote for the override. I didn't vote for the override then. I will not vote for it now. And there is a lot of discussion about good faith, bad faith, and who is the bad guy. I don't think either one of them is a good guy. I don't think either one of them is a bad guy. Each is trying to get its will, and under the current state of affairs, they are in a situation where they are negotiating to see who is going to prevail. If the State Patrol negotiates away the sergeants, that is what will happen through the negotiations, and if they don't negotiate them away, the administration cannot unilaterally take them out of that unit. The CIR has made a finding, and I am going to be in the same position as Senator Landis is. This is one of those issues which as the courts would say has not ripened yet. It is not appropriate for legislative action, in my opinion, and I know there has been a great deal of lobbying. I know there have been accusations going back and forth both ways, but the issue that is being decided in this bill, and by this vote on the override, is not complex at all. Is the state going to...is the Legislature going to build a wall of protection around a group that is supposed to bargain so that an element that should be amenable to bargaining no longer will have to be subject to it? And if it is fair here on this issue, it should be fair on any other issue that is amenable to bargaining, and it can work the other way, too. Some of these agencies, these groups, may have bargained and obtained a benefit that we don't like, so we can take it away by legislation. By simply saying this is not a matter that is available for bargaining, it will be determined by the agency. And don't think that a day won't come when the administration won't have enough power to get that done for a particular agency. We will be under a particular type of pressure at a given moment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When we put something into legislation, we freeze that moment for an indeterminate period of time into legislation, and it does become a precedent, and it should. Anybody who wants to pursue that course ought to relate what has been done by the Legislature on that issue to buttress their argument. There is information in a letter that was written to Senator Warner pointing out that the sergeants are a part of the bargaining unit, the state is not going to try to take them out, and until that happens, the state tries to take them out, not