

with...with the amendment. I'll vote for it, but it should be understood that there may be a better wording to accomplish this purpose and, unless there is a constitutional issue, we dig out Spire's opinion, that needs to be considered. That too could change the outcome, but with those two provisions, why, I don't have a problem with the intent of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I just have a couple of questions and I listened carefully to what Senator Warner said concerning this particular amendment. If I remember correctly, the Legislature has hearings and does approve or disapprove, and pass along to us from committees, appointments to various boards and commissions. Am I not right, Warner or Chambers, either one?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator...

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, all right, here...there is a question that comes up once in awhile and it has to do with people who are appointed and then the next session of Legislature either...we have had a...since I've been here in '89, we've had a couple that were not approved by the Legislature. The other thing that happens, a Governor comes to an end of a term, appoints people after the election before the next inauguration of the new Governor, and then when the new Governor comes in, he or she goes back and appoints different people to those commissions. In the meantime, there's been meetings, and this could happen to this particular agency, for instance, if this bill were passed and in April, after we adjourn, all new people are appointed, we aren't in session so we can't approve or disapprove, we come back in January and some of them are not approved. In the meantime, a lot of decisions have been made. I always have the feeling that there is a really gray area there as to whether those decisions, appointments, money granted or whatever are completely legal. I don't really like the word "legal" but you understand what I'm saying, that they hold and I think sometimes those...they've asked for different opinions. It seems to me that the Attorney General has given an Opinion or two over the years, different ones, saying that...I know of one instance where the new board, after the appointments were redone, after a Governor left office and a new one came in, then they went back and ratified all the actions of that board that