

Newell. I don't think that we need that language in the bill. I don't think that we need that language in the Constitution. I think that it would simplify the process and simplify the constitution if we strike this through that amendment and I think that we could do it for a lot of other elements in the Constitution. We saw that in another bill that dealt with a court librarian for the Supreme Court which was sort of ridiculous, I thought. So time and time again we have seen examples of where we put too much into the Constitution, loaded it down with clauses and sections that were not necessary and I think that Senator Newell ought to be commended for pointing out this excess wordage that we could take out and not hurt the intent and the force of the bill and the work that it could do in terms of dealing with a serious problem in terms of salaries for constitutional officers and the Legislature. So I support the Newell amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The other lights are on for other purposes. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell for the purpose of closing on his amendment number two.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, you know a couple of the arguments that have been forwarded for keeping this language is that it is going to take the politics out of this. I have heard that statement so often that I just wonder how many people are serious about taking the politics out of politics. We are also talking about taking the politics out of this. Which means the governor shall appoint, he shall appoint without confirmation of the Legislature a seven member commission who will then decide on what salaries should be. Now I don't know why they are going to take the Legislature out of the appointment process since they are also the seven member commission is going to approve his salary. Now, we talk about the need for this language. We can make the determination as to how this commission is going to be set up ourselves. Senator Johnson rises as a good lawyer ought to and says boy we have got to be specific. We have got to be specific on this because you never know what that Supreme Court is going to do. You just never know how they are going to interpret it. Well, I'm sure, Senator Johnson, that we can write the same language into law and make it very easy for the Supreme Court to interpret it that way as easy if not easier than we can having this excess language in the Constitution. Now I didn't want to deal with the real mechanics of this thing but if anybody understood all this stuff about with 60 days after such change appoint two members from each congressional district for staggered terms and one member from the citizenry at large the terms all