

prescribed deadline of, I believe, July 1st when this commission is set to go out of existence. The commission debated fairly extensively among itself whether it was a good idea or bad idea to ask for this extension. There were some members that wanted to make...wanted to get busy and get the work done. It wasn't...it isn't a group that wants to perpetuate itself in existence forever. It was concluded that because of the question of whether we will get a final recommendation prepared by July 1, we should come to the Legislature asking for this authorization to continue the commission in existence. The bill, as it was drafted, changed not only the termination date but also changed the date in which a preliminary report would be given, from March of '89 to March of '90. The commission feels that we ought to come back with our preliminary report as it was originally stated in the bill, March of 1989. The committee amendment simply says that the original date of March 1, 1989 for the preliminary report coming to the Legislature, should be a date that we should live with. So that's what the committee amendment does is it changes the preliminary report date that originally said 1989. The bill changed it to 1990. This bill, the amendment returns that date, the preliminary report date, back to 1989. So that's what the committee amendment does.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, did you wish to speak about the committee amendments? All right, thank you. Senator Hartnett, did you wish to speak about the amendments?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, if I could ask Senator Withem a question. I didn't follow you, Ron. Maybe you were talking too fast, maybe I wasn't...I was trying to read the report, and so forth. You're going to have an interim report this year? Is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. Senator Hartnett, would you speak into your microphone, it's difficult to hear you up here.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Withem, are you going to have an interim report this year or a final report next year?

SENATOR WITHEM: If the committee amendment is adopted, we will have an interim report March 1 of 1989. If the committee