

SENATOR SCOFIELD: This is a unique position in that it's the first time, I think, we've created anybody in quite this particular role. And the Governor has created this office as an advocate and to coordinate. So...in fact, Karen has told me, and I don't want to put, I think I can accurately reflect her conversation, that she sees herself more as a facilitator and coordinator of these various state agency activities, which appeals to me very much.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I agree with that.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: That would be the role that I would continue to see her play. She needs the Governor's blessing, obviously, she needs to have the...

SENATOR SMITH: Absolutely.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...confidence of the Governor to do that. I think at the same time, given the nature of this beast, and you've been in these battles, too, Senator Smith, that it has to be somebody that can work with both branches of government. And I think all we're really doing here is sending a message that the Legislature will be very supportive of this and is very, very interested and wants to be directly involved in this rather than having somebody out there that functions more like an independent agency director, that we very much see this person in a facilitative role. And she...I think Karen is in a unique position to do that with the support of the Governor and with the Legislature.

SENATOR SMITH: I guess that I would...the last reason given by Senator Scofield is a better one than the comparison of her being equal to or the same as the department head. That doesn't quite, unless Senator Wesely has some other information that he can provide to me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is a hybrid and one that strikes me as questionable when one person hires you, but in fact you work for a different set of people. I'm not exactly sure under what management theory that works. I, for example, would not like the Governor appointing my legislative aide, nor yours, nor the committee counsel to my