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situation in the way the legislative branch should have. I think, for instance, just thinking about it, you and the Congress don't have people taking office until confirmed by the Senate. Here people take office and can serve, after the end of the session get appointed, serve for six, eight months before we ever have a chance to even review. They can be there a year before we even take any action. Now rarely do we ever have any problem, but it just seems like maybe this confirmation process has been taken for granted for a long time. And Senator Chambers' question may raise a lot of other questions, and maybe we need to take a look at it. I think it's legitimate to do that. So I thank Senator Chambers for pointing out what I think is in fact a problem.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, then Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, according to Senator Chambers' interpretation we cannot vote to confirm anyway, according to the general consensus the Legislature thinks they can. If Senator Chambers is correct and we don't do anything, then apparently the confirmations or the appointments will become confirmed automatically. There is a slight difference between inaction in the Legislature and a legislative act. And what Senator Withem and myself are proposing is a legislative act which indicates that we want to delay the confirmation until the regular session. Senator Withem had a...it's a mechanical problem. We had one similar situation where one individual's name simply wasn't sent down. But during a special session of seven days, there is a limited amount of time for this Legislature to obtain information relative to these appointments. Do you want to just automatically rubber stamp all the appointments that come before you? If so, then there is no reason for confirmation. If, on the other hand, you want to be informed and knowledgeable about these individuals, and have the opportunity to question them and to confirm their qualifications, then you're not going to get it done in the space of seven days, I can tell you that. We had a little difficulty because some of our appointees could not come in on Tuesday, when we heard the rest of them. Yesterday our committee, through no fault of their own, was not able to be there in full force, and so it does not seem to me to be prudent to ask this Legislature or to recommend to this Legislature confirmation of these appointments without having complete information. Some of the individuals involved here, they are