

there for various reasons as many of these types of activities go, so I do think we have to look at this very carefully.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Senator Wehrbein, like I said before, regardless of what decision the planning commission makes, that still has to be ratified by the city council and they have to have a quorum. So the planning commissions are only making recommendations to the council, but they can't do it if they are short of people.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah, I understand that except a planning commission carries quite a bit of weight in many cases and as many of these activities go in communities, we know they carry extensive hard feelings over a long period of time on some of these issues and it would seem to me that those that are there making the decisions ought to be fully qualified without any chance of mischief sneaking into it. That was my only point.

SENATOR BEYER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I now recognize Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. I just would...I think Senator Crosby asked the question about they would not be able to vote unless there was not a quorum present. Senator Crosby, in looking at this bill I do not agree with Senator Beyer's interpretation of it. It appears to me an individual, an alternate can step in and vote even if a quorum is present if simply one member is gone. From what I can read, they just step in and vote so, Senator Beyer, that may be one of the things you look at when it is advanced over to Select File. I don't know if it makes much of a difference but I thought for the record we ought to clarify that. I don't think that Senator Beyer was correct on that and Senator Crosby's questions should be answered, that anybody, it appears in this draft of the bill, can step in as an alternate and vote even if there is a quorum present otherwise.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Seeing no other senators wishing to debate this issue, do you have closing statements, Senator Beyer?

SENATOR BEYER: Well, I think it was good to have...Madam Chairman and colleagues, I think it was good to have the