

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Conway has closed on the amendment to the amendment to LB 579. We will now vote. All in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Conway's amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The amendment to the amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek would move to amend the Conway amendment. Senator, I have your AMO951, the shortest one. Is that okay? (Schimek amendment appears on page 1330 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, am a little reluctant to get up and talk about amendments before we've really had a chance to talk about the concept of the bill, but what we're basically trying to do here is to establish a state election board or commission with an election commissioner as the person employed by that state election board. The first amendment I have is a little one. I don't think it's anything controversial, at least not to my reading. It's on page 2, line 13 and this is where it talks about members of the State Election Board may be removed by the Governor and it says, for "inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct in office or a mental or physical disability but only after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard before the Governor." And I guess as I look at that, I don't know what inefficiency means. It's rather vague and I'd just like to strike that. I don't think it's controversial. I'd just like to...this actually, the wording came from the wording that governs the Accountability Commission and that statute was written back in 1976 and I don't believe it has been changed since then. As I look over that wording right now here on the floor, I see another part that kind of is worrisome, too, but I'll let it go for now.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak to this amendment to the amendment. Senator Wesely. Okay. Senator Warner. Senator Coordsen.