

SENATOR CONWAY: You're going to find they are insured under errors and omissions and the like to address them following the law, if in fact the law is clear.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So they use other statutes presently in place to be sure that the intent of the election commissioner was carried out in this.

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And the decisions of the election commissioner.

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, do you wish to be recognized at this time? Okay. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam Chair, members, I put my light on, Senator Conway was out of the Chamber and Senator Chambers was raising questions primarily about removal by the Governor and this particular provision dealing with cooperating with the parties. It's underlined here, so it appears like it's new language. But I think both of these...or the provision on the cooperating with parties is lifted from the statutes. Occasionally, when we're drafting bills we just borrow language from other sections. Assuming it's okay, other people read that, questions are raised as one of the sponsors of 579 and supporters of the Conway amendment here, I don't think there's any problem at all with hearing better suggestions on how that can be phrased. Probably...if Senator Conway disagrees with me, he can say so. Probably the same thing on this removal by the Governor, I'm assuming that that was lifted from some other commission, some other statute someplace where the Governor had powers of removal. In full light of day, as we're discussing it here on the floor, giving the Governor that type of power with this commission is certainly a debatable point. I think we're raising some good points and some good questions in this discussion, and I'm pleased that they are being raised. I haven't heard anything that I don't think can be...that cannot be settled with reasonable people sitting down and chatting about those, either by offering more amendments now, or in my