

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, we are getting near lunch time. And I would just like to say to Senator Chambers, on behalf of Senators Conway, Withem and Schimek that I'm sure we would be happy to work with you on that particular question that you have on that section. And there are...I have offered a couple of amendments, but would rather take them up on Select File because the hour is getting late. And I would just recommend that we move this bill over to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Seeing no one else wishing to debate the issue, do you have closing, Senator Conway?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President. Again, in closing, responding to Senator Chambers, we lifted this out of old language that exists relative to accountability and disclosure, not paying that much attention at the time that that old language would bring about a great deal of concern. All of these members are ultimately selected by the Governor, and I guess I didn't notice at the time that that would be a problem, that if he selects them that he doesn't have the authority to remove them. But I think between now and Select I'd be glad to work with anyone, maybe look at some of the other commissioners in terms of how a person who is on a board, selected by the Governor, might be removed. This section is not, I think, particularly important to the process. The important thing is that we create a good commission, not in terms of the removal process. So I'm very willing and open to working with any and all who want to concern themselves with that question of how do you remove a member from the commission. I think in closing also I'd like to mention that, again, those of you who work with legislative process, and I sit on the Banking Committee, and so we spent a great deal of time hearing from and working with the Department of Insurance, the Department of Banking, the Real Estate Commission, many of these areas that have...they're highly technical and have a lot of substantive activity that goes on, we work through those commissions. And then those commissions come and make recommendations to us, they promulgate rules and regulations for the smooth running of the operations. The election laws probably deserve that same kind of oversight, to have a working group that looks at those, that has a singular state figure that looks into the whole process, there is where we came up with the idea that the election laws of the State of