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time in the future, before we add further types of steps like this. But I think a short-term commission, attempting to establish policy, with a sunset, doesn't seem to me to be a violation of constitutional separation of powers. So I would feel comfortable with this particular appointment at this time, but do feel there's a more general concern we ought to be ready to address as a Legislature in the future.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, Madam President. Thank you very much for discussing this, Senator Wesely and Senator Withem. What we're doing at the moment, since I received the Attorney General's Opinion, we are searching the statutes and current legislation bills which might set up another commission like this and have the same...maybe appointing legislators to commissions, so we could get some preliminary information to see whether or not we should do an interim study. And I'd be happy to have anybody join in that that wants to. But, at the moment, that's what we're doing. So I agree that there are some grey areas. And the other thing that...I mean, just to say that senators cannot serve on a commission of this type, there's more to it than just that, as you have pointed out, because it may be something that is short-term, or it may be something that no legislation is brought that we would have...or that the Governor brings legislation through this commission. That doesn't necessarily happen either. So I do think a study probably is in order. And, as I say, we are searching the statutes and current bills to be sure. I do have a little thing about commissions, Senator Wesely, I think you know, because it seems like we set up so many of them and then we have to have all these appointments. Along with that is our study that is in limbo right at the moment because of the session, having to do with appointments to commissions and the Governor's responsibility and so on. So this summer I'm sure we're all going to be busy studying the whole subject. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. If there are no more lights on, I would consider this to be my close. Okay. Yeah, I'd like to close on this. Just make a comment or two. A lot of people aren't paying attention now, and I understand that. But this may be an issue we deal with in the future. Senator Wesely, been informed that the AG's Opinion is on page 1059, which is kind of an