

the words being stricken is "give effect to their directions". The way that language stands it would mean any directions that the political parties give would have to be carried out. The amendment is designed to establish that the requirement is to give them assistance with the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an established party's national nominating convention.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, now let me look at the other line, which is page 4, line...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you, Senator Chambers. As I say, you thought nobody was listening, see. But when you...because I know you haven't participated, perhaps, in party politics, but the party mechanism is governed by county conventions, state conventions, national convention. And those people who work at the grassroots, most of them are very involved in the county conventions and so on. So that's why I wanted to be sure that what you...and I see your point, that you're taking out those words so it would not be completely ambiguous, or all encompassing, or whatever. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I put my light on for two reasons. I probably would have not for either one individually. One was when Senator Crosby raised the questions here I thought I would maybe give an interpretation of what I think I see Senator Chambers doing here, and talk a little bit about how we got to the point where we are, that in drafting this amendment and giving the duties to this new election office, new election board, the drafting technique was to take the existing duties given to the Secretary of State and stating that language over here. When the eagle eye of Senator Chambers read this, and it appeared as new language in the bill, he rightfully questioned what does this language mean. Looking at it in that new light, we said, yeah, we're not really too sure what it means either. It could mean a lot more than what we intended to have it make. It's old language, it's somewhat archaic, given current practice. And I think what Senator Chambers is doing here is just making it clear that the responsibility is to assist in this delicate selection process. That's what the Secretary of State does now, and he wants to