

authority because we're limiting how he can appoint to state office? First of all, even if it were a state office, as has been pointed out, this method of submitting names to the Governor is not new. So I think what we have here is a situation where Pirsch, Stenberg and Willard did not get together and do their research and present us with a coherent, credible, acceptable discussion of the issues. Now that is my modest and humble opinion. So, in conclusion, I would say you can disregard what the Attorney General has said in both opinions and vote for LB 579 in good conscience.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I have no problem with suspension of the rules. Like others, I'm not going to talk about the suspension of the rule either. The...but I am quite sincere in, you know, if the bill passes, fine, but I certainly hope that it does not pass with 33 votes. I..I...the special election is exceedingly important, from my viewpoint. And I don't know if there's problems constitutionally with this election commissioner or not. I certainly do know there was at least one case dealing with power grids in which we had restricted the appointments of Governors to the...as I recall, it was the Power Review Board but I'm not sure about that. But, anyway, it was in 1965 which was, in part at least, thrown out because it was too restrictive. But it may have been so restrictive only one person qualified. I don't recall. And that certainly is much more restrictive than what is provided for in this bill. But I don't think we can run the chance. Now if 25 of you want to vote for it, fine, or if...but I have lots of reservations on this bill passing with the emergency clause with the special election facing us on August 6th, which I happen to think is very important. And I would much...be much more comfortable if we would not attempt to crash in a new election system between now and August 6th. In fact, you wouldn't even have that much time with all the preparation that has to be done. And there is still the possibility of someone at least filing a suit. I won't argue whether they would be...win or not, I don't know. But I suspect there are plenty of folks that would have lots of motivations to try and stop that election. Would have nothing to do with LB 579 and it would be one simple way to do it. And you should give careful thought before you do that. If you're not concerned, why, obviously, you don't need to worry about it. I am not going to support the bill because I just simply have