

process such that people can turn to that commission, get rulings and I really envision it, in the long haul, as this group is put together and starts working through the election laws that they are going to be able to recommend to this body significant statutory changes where they're necessary to position themselves in such a way that they can establish certain rules of the game and the way they're going to be played. And, granted, there will be some autonomy lost to a local election commissioner or election clerk as we find in most counties. But we also have structured it in such a way that, as you read the bill, we are looking for hands on experienced types of people on that commission. Not only do we have the balance between the parties but we also are going to be looking to getting an election commissioner or election...or a county clerk who functions as election commissioner from each of the three congressional districts. We're going to have people who are aggressive, interested persons who are out there in the...working the elections coming from all three areas of the state, three congressional areas of the state, to be part of that commission, so such that we have got people who have got working knowledge of some of the problems that they have brought to us. We had many election commissioners who came in and provided very valuable testimony and, in many cases, their problems were such that they simply needed some central opinions being established. When you try to write the entire election law for diversity of this state where we have people that are doing electronic voting or people are still doing paper ballots where they have all kinds of techniques somebody needs to coordinate that so that the basic election principles of being able to vote in secrecy and being able to establish whether or not the absentee ballots are going out and coming back in, to establish that kind of control over the election process is extremely important. These are where many of the errors were found and in many cases we're finding 93 different interpretations of how that ought to be done. So, by having that entity to be able to turn to, I think is extremely, extremely valuable. So I strongly urge you to support 579 but prior to that to support the suspension of the rules motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. We will now vote on the motion to suspend the rules. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to suspend the rules? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk. Oh, have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.