

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just as a general principle.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah, I am trying to think of how we do it in other ways, such as usually the department head or the head of the agency in government is usually the hearing officer, is that not correct in others?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's assume that to be the case, but I am not sure that is always the case because I know there are some situations where people had complaints over at the Revenue Department, and somebody else, other than the director, conducted a hearing.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But at no agency does the agency head appoint all the people who are...see, this...

SENATOR PIRSCH: That is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Secretary of State does everything under this bill.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-hum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Everything that...

SENATOR PIRSCH: He does everything now, I guess that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, (interruption).

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...that was one of my questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, if we are going to undertake a comprehensive review, we should not put into statute what currently exists that may not be acceptable. Now that the matter has been brought to our attention and it is viewed as something serious enough to be dealt with legislatively, if we are going to take a comprehensive look, and I think we should, I don't think we ought to start by giving the Secretary of State, not only the authority to do what he is doing now, but add to that authority, and make it legislative. I am saying that a study would be the thing to do, and then we can accept information from all quarters, whether they are for it or against it, but then it is not in an adversarial context based on a bill