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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. There is an amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend the resolution. The amendment is found on page 138 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway,

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. The amendment that I offer is a very slight insertion. Where on the...in the first paragraph on the last line, or in essence line 4 of the resolution, it says it was introduced to eliminate...that LR C...excuse me, LR 1CA was introduced to eliminate the commission. We inserted, after "the", between "the" and "commission" the constitutional status of the commission, I believe that was the concern the way it was drafted with Senator Kristensen, for instance, that we were looking at the constitutional status of the commission, not that it was introduced to eliminate the commission per se, it was to eliminate the constitutional status. So, simply a technical amendment to clarify that LR 1CA was dealing with the constitutional status, not to eliminate the commission per se. So we've inserted "constitutional status", those three words in there to make sure that that's clear for everyone. So that is the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Discussion on the Conway amendment. Senator Moore. Senator Kristensen, on the amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I appreciate Senator Conway bringing this amendment. I introduced LR 1CA for a very specific purpose, and that is to point out that if you're going to make major changes for the Public Service Commission at some point in time you may well have to remove that constitutional status. So the one-liner that everybody saw and it went out, was eliminate the Public Service Commission. That's just not true, that was not the intent of introducing that constitutional proposal. But it was to show that if we're going to make major changes you may well have to remove the constitutional status of that commission. In fact, there was a study done in the 1960's which indicate to use that, indeed, that agency should be a statutory agency so that we can deal with qualifications, time, salaries,