

SENATOR PIRSCH: Mr. Speaker, we've added that the director shall serve at the pleasure of the Tax Commissioner. Has that always been the case?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Not really, no. In fact, that was their recommendation that that happened because the Tax Commissioner is the one that oversees the lottery, so they thought that they should serve at the pleasure of that. It came from the Revenue Department and I know we had some discussion in the hearing on that same issue, but they thought that's where it should be.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Did the discussion center on the fact that this is a power of the Tax Commissioner or what was the...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, I think it was just more oversight since that's where the oversight is, it would be better to have it there so that it's under the same person. You're not...

SENATOR PIRSCH: How is the director chosen in the first place?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I really don't know.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Wasn't it a board or the Governor?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: He is chosen by the Tax Commissioner.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, the first one though was chosen by the Governor, would that be correct to say?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well I suppose you could say that, probably with the okay of the Tax Commissioner.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. There is no board involved...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, no.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...that would have any oversight so it does have to then rest with either the Tax Commissioner or one other specific individual.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes. Tax Commissioner is the one that actually is the one that oversees the lottery and so that's why they wanted to have it under his juris...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Responsible to him. Okay, thank you very much.