

or to deal with appointments to international committees, that we could simply change our policy, the Executive Board could change the policy and take away the power of that particular board. I think what this bill does is basically it repeals pretty archaic language and look at this. I don't know, Senator Avery, can you also comment on what your understanding of the organization here, commented as the Legislative Council of the American Legislators Association. Your amendment would leave that in statutes. Can you tell me what that organization does and why it's important to leave reference to that legislation in statutes and you can do that on your own time if you would respond to that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Also there's another reference in here indicating that the president, your language would leave the president who is the Lieutenant Governor of our state as an ex-officio, honorary, nonvoting member of the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation. I'd be interested in knowing why that is important for us to do that. You ought to look at this language. It really is archaic. There's no reason why this committee has to continue to be referenced in statutes. It would empower the Executive Board to clean up our committee structure and the thing that people seem to be fearful of. Senator Witek particularly, I'm glad that she spoke because I really didn't understand the concern, but if it deals with ALEC, the Executive Board tomorrow could meet, I think we meet tomorrow and we could just pass a travel policy indicating that you can't go to ALEC meetings if we'd want to.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I agree with Senator Hall that we should allow people to do that though.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers, to speak to the Avery amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to Senator Avery's amendment and I support the bill. Senator Avery has not given a good argument as to why we should leave this language in statute, nor in my opinion, has he given a good argument as to why we should keep this committee. Senator Hall said he does not travel, I don't