

to say because Senator Witek said something that triggered my interest a little more. From the very beginning and I'm not looking for any pats on the back or I'm not trying to look virtuous, I do not take any travel money. I do travel, go to certain conferences, I do not take any tax money for that travel. I don't believe in that. I think that's really even more conservative than you're asking for money to go to ALEC. I pay my own expenses and, Senator Chambers, I went to a conference in San Diego in November, and it wasn't through Legislature, but it had to do with legislation, and people there at the reception thought my husband was the senator, so you see, we can't win, no matter what you do. They didn't ask me to bring them coffee or anything. I have been mistaken for a secretary in certain...you know, who do you work for here in the Capitol? So see, we all have those little things. But my point about the travel is, you see I just have a feeling, in several year...over like the last 15 years before I was in Legislature, there was some misuse and I think Senator Chambers and some other people will remember, that some people overdid taking travel money. And I used to watch that and it concerned me greatly and so one of the little promises I made to myself when I came here was that I would not do that. I think I have benefitted from registration fees and so on, but I think putting it through the Executive Board is even more...I like the word that Senator Withem used, it's a unifying mechanism. You have it in one place and I think probably a little more...I would think more supervision and that's nothing, has nothing to do with the people who have been Chair and on the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee, but I just think that because Executive Board meets during the interim and they meet often and take up problems and subjects, I think probably that is one good reason for putting this commission into the Executive Board and, again, each person in here has to decide what he or she will do as far as any of these things that we do are concerned. If you want to go to the conferences and ask for the money, fine. It's just that each one of us has to do that and work with it in his or her own way. So with that I'll stop. I'll not vote for the amendment, Senator Avery, but I think probably you understand why and I will support the bill if we get to it. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT ROBAK:** Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Witek, to speak to the Avery amendment followed by Senators Wesely, Avery and Chambers.

**SENATOR WITEK:** Madam Chairman, members of the body, I rise in