

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I guess they convinced us that it's probably something that they can do without, but it's something that they could live with but they have never done it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I'm still not sure about the explanation. If it is the view of the committee that's examined the work product that this commission was supposed to do and now you're recommendation to the body is that it's not needed, that's one thing. If your recommendation is, well, they never got around to doing it so let's not bother them. I think that's a horrible precedent.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'm going to...I just was piqued by the statement here. I have no knowledge beyond what you have here. I will not pursue it any further at this point, but when we get to...when we do get to Select File I may want to pursue this point a little further.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: But thank you for answering.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Be glad to do that.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Wesely, your light is next on the advancement of LB 344.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise with the same concerns that Senator Withem expressed. And it's always a curious situation when you pass legislation expecting it to be implemented and find that it isn't. And, you know, I appreciated the exchange between Senator Withem and Senator Schellpeper on this but I, too, always am concerned institutionally when we have something we ask that it, well, not ask but indicated that it be done and then not have it implemented. So I would...I don't know, I raise concern about that as well. I don't know, you know.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Senator, we had that same concern and they convinced us that they're doing a very good job right now