

who were interested in not having it go to the federal government. I'm surprised that those who are concerned about sending everything to Washington would want to see all of these things sent to Washington as well. But I would urge you to vote against the amendment. The commission does a good job. Basically what this bill does is attempts to modify the process by law to some...in a way that will assist in expediting the handling of complaints. It's not a case of just adding more staff or it's not necessarily a case of just mismanagement. It's a case of structuring the law to, that there's a process that, to be more effective. In fact, over the years we added staff from time to time as the possible avenue to reduce the backlog and that really wasn't the issue that needed to be addressed. I think what's addressed in this bill was the issue, and that was to change the process so that those complaints could be handled more expeditiously, and I believe it does. But I certainly would urge the body not to support legislation that abolishes the commission in its entirety and leaving a great many citizens across the state that their only option was to go to, to the federal level of complaint or to the courts because there's many areas, obviously, that don't have a local entity which even exists, in which they could seek regress from their discrimination.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Warner. And as Senator Warner is taking his seat, I would like to recognize the doctor of the day who is from Senator Warner's district, Dr. Dale Michels, family doctor of the day. Senator Chambers followed by Senator Witek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would rather see the commission abolished than let the hoax and the sham be allowed to stand, which will be the case if this bill is enacted into law. Those of you who don't face discrimination see it in a very academic or theoretical way. For those of us who continue to face it, it is as galling, it is as disgusting, it is as humiliating as when the Jim Crow laws were honestly and opening on the books and in full flower and the pretense was not there which a bill like this will allow it to stay in place, and the Governor will be the head Klansman, in my opinion. This governor has not demonstrated a concern for anybody's civil rights or civil liberties. To give this commission to him in its entirety because you don't like certain things that are happening now, and those are temporary