

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, I wouldn't...I know of no way to prohibit that because one Legislature cannot bind another even by statute, so under the...under the constitution. So under those provisions, regardless of what we might do, we could not dictate what a future Legislature was going to do, as you well know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but we could put language in the statute which was mandatory with reference to this balance, can't we, and until that language...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is changed, it is the law binding on any Legislature and the Governor, until it would be changed.

SENATOR WARNER: It is binding until changed, but maybe if it's...can easily be changed, which obviously it could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, what this bill is doing, and I think, I say, again, it is a sham, it puts in language that doesn't mean anything. If we think there should be diversity on this commission, we should put some mandatory language in with reference to the balance, as it is called, in the same way that mandatory language is put in with reference to these categories of qualification that the Legislature would like to see the members hold. So at some point, I am going to offer some mandatory language, and I will give a fuller explanation of why I think it is necessary, but I think the bill is so bad that we ought not to pass it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Witek, to close on her amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR WITEK: My committee amendment would not allow the appointment of state employees to the EEOC commission. In the original draft of this bill, they did not allow the appointment of state employees. The only change came about in the committee amendments to allow the appointment of state employees. I'd like to keep with the original language of the bill. I think it's worse in the committee amendments, so I would like to amend the committee amendments since I believe that it will be adopted looking at the votes earlier today to keep the state employees off the commission, not to discriminate against state employees,