

fixed terms. The Governor does have the authority within the seven members that are appointed to designate who is to be chairman and can remove that position as chairman, but then would be required under the provisions of the law to appoint another person for the remaining six. So much has been said about the Governor having...the Office of Governor having a tremendous more authority over what there is now, it is not that much of a change, but I, personally, think that it's a direction of good policy. I would urge that the body would adopt the committee amendment. Obviously, it can still be amended from that point forward, but the reason that I'd suggest that you do vote to adopt the amendment at this point is that I have ran into some who, outside of this body now, who have called me and still had the impression that some of the provisions of the bill as they were originally introduced somehow that were still there. I think we'd accomplish better understanding if the committee amendment was adopted so that we could speak directly to the form in which the bill then stands. It doesn't preclude, obviously, any amendments, it doesn't change any voting requirements of any amendments, but I think it would be of benefit to those outside the body if the committee amendment was adopted, and so that those who have an interest could address the issue knowing...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...what the Legislature was considering for the advancement to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I am opposed to the adoption of the committee amendment, amendments, because they contain all of those elements that I think are hurtful to the commission. I don't like the idea of the Governor being able to turn everybody out of the commission who is there now. He wants to get rid of Chairperson LaVon Stennis. That's who he wants to get rid of, and the Legislature is helping him to engage in this racist, sexist approach. If this were a white woman, he would not be doing it. He has never attempted to go after a white head of an agency in this manner. When the guy who heads the Agriculture Department put on the headgear ridiculing the Arab, then had these white women bowing to him and photographs were taken, and they made a secret deal