

is. And we might have a chance the second day of the session to see if a legislative day is going to go beyond midnight. And I will stay here if it becomes necessary to do that, although I wish that it wouldn't, because I think that there are enough people serious about this legislation to try to work through some of these things. But to be frank about it, the bill is so bad, in my opinion, I would readily understand if those who support it don't want it delayed for any purpose whatsoever, not for the purpose of trying to correct some of the problems, or improve certain aspects of the bill. They want to get it done because the Governor needs it. And the Governor needs some campaign issues, and this will be one for him. I'm not interested in seeing him reelected, well, not reelected, he's running for the U.S. Senate, first time around. If that guy who's the Lieutenant...I meant the Attorney General wins the "Republican" primary, which he won't, then I don't think there will be much of a contest. But if that other fellow, named Hagel, I think 's his name, then the Governor may be in for a little tougher tussle. And if the tussle looks like it's going to be even enough, a wild card may enter that could tip the scale one way or the other. But in any case, I have no interest in seeing the legislative process used for the purpose of creating campaign issues for the Governor. I certainly am not willing to docilely allow the process to be used to hurt the interests of the people I do the best that I can to represent. And this commission is about the only thing in this state that even purports to deal in a forthright, direct way with racism. I don't think the word "racism" is used anywhere in this law, but it does talk about discrimination, that is a manifestation or outgrowth of racism. And it deals with other types not based on race. But all of them are unwholesome, all are detrimental, they are contrary to principles of freedom, justice, and equality. So, if the commission, even if it were under the Governor's direction, were to be given all of the tools that are needed to do the job that it supposedly was created to do, it wouldn't be quite as bitter a pill for me to swallow. But if it did, in fact, have all the tools, there would be greater incentive for the Governor to stifle them. Now he knows that the commission cannot do that much anyway. The whole field has been tilted in favor of the interests that discriminate. The reason it is made a crime under the law for any information relative to a complaint to be made public in any manner whatsoever by anybody associated with the commission, working with the commission during an investigation it's made a crime to