

what this amendment deals with, "The Governor shall appoint all members within 45 days after the operative date of this act. For the initial members two shall serve for terms of one year, two shall serve for terms of two years, and three shall serve for terms of three years." The purpose of this is to allow the Governor, through the activities of the Legislature, to undercut the position of a black woman and a Latino woman whose conduct, whose decisions he disagrees with. So he is telling the Legislature, I am unable, as the chief executive of this state, to cope with these women and the things that they are doing, so I want the Legislature to come in and help me get rid of these women. What would be much better for the Governor, what would be far more appropriate is for him, in a public forum, to discuss directly and honestly the issues that have been raised by these women in connection with how the commission is operating and the actions of the Governor. His failure to meet with them and talk directly, although he will meet with his white appointees, give them their marching orders, and this commission, whose job it is to fight racism, has become victimized by racism coming out of the Governor's Office. The mere fact that he carries the title of chief executive does not exempt him from criticism. Every time I turn on television, every time I open a newspaper I read vicious attacks against the President. I read attacks against the President made by members of the armed forces. He is the commander in chief and he is attacked. There have been governors throughout history who have done inappropriate things in office and have been attacked. This man seems to have the impression that because he carries the title Governor he is exempt from criticism, perhaps he is exempt from criticism from the rest of you all. Perhaps there are things of a political and economic nature he can do to you all and thereby intimidate you, but there is nothing he can do to me. there is no way he can prevent me from saying the things that I think ought to be said, or doing the things that I think ought to be done. I am pleased that Chairperson LaVon Stennis made use of the federal instrumentalities available to file complaints against high ranking public officials which would not be possible in this state. Let's say that this bill, LB 886 in its present form, would be enacted into law. There is no way that any citizen of this state, any employee of the Governor would dare file a complaint against the Governor to a commission over which he has total control. All he would have to do is tell those commissioners, let this thing die, and that's what would happen. Without having that legal control he is able,