

up. That's why it was set up with jagged terms, so that there would be a possibility of different people being involved. At least try to put some safeguards in to keep this commission, which is a mediating commission, not a service commission. This is not some kind of consolidation for efficiency and effectiveness where that's what the public is calling for. This is a mediation commission, this is set up as a mediation commission as something that someone who needs to go somewhere for this type of discriminatory problem, that they can go here, to a place in Nebraska, not have to go to the federal government, to help them with this problem. And to take away really by putting this all under one person, allowing all state employees, if possible, it's just beyond me how people can be considering actually passing this piece of legislation. And if nothing else, if you do nothing else I think you should adopt this amendment to do away with this section because this is probably the worst section of the bill. You can still...if you want to go change the commission, you can still change it, as commission members come up the Governor can appoint new members, exactly how it's been done since the 1960's. And that to me seems fair, seems equitable, seems on the up and up. It's something that I think people ethically would expect from their Legislature, and certainly would expect it from their Governor, which is beyond me why he would even be asking to do something like this, and in an election year no less. I think it's a tremendous misreading of what needs to be done to this commission. If even half of the commission's responses in this summary report, and I just hope that you've taken the time to read through the four or five pages...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...in the committee responses to the recommendations in this report and have taken the time to go and talk to the commissioners and just hear their side of what has gone on in the last two years in this state for this commission, and realize that doing away with the commission and allowing a new director is not the way to go. That is the political answer to an individual's political problems with his own appointees. This is not what we're here for. We're supposed to be here to establish a program here of mediation for people who are looking for someplace to go in Nebraska for victims or whatever to go or issues of discrimination. We are not supposed to establish an EEOC that's totally under the control of one person and one man