

this kind must be independent. It is known by all of us that no department, no agency of government is immune to violating the rights of employees. To take an agency whose job it is to deal with these complaints and place it under the direction and control of an individual whose administration may be one of the worst violators of people's rights is not a wise decision to make. I know that there are people following our discussions because I've had calls from some of them. Unfortunately because I'm trying to do this thing in a way that is not deceptive, I've had to inform them that the form...the bill now is not designed to blend or merge the NEOC with the Labor Department. If I conducted my political business as the Governor and others do I would have let people keep that misimpression. I did not give it to them, I have not put it out there for anybody to receive, so it is not my responsibility, I could easily say, to disabuse them of their misconceptions about legislation before the Legislature. But my intent is to let people know exactly what it is...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we're dealing with, exactly what it is that we're doing. This agency is being placed under the total control of a man who has shown himself incapable of fairly, objectively, and judiciously exercising such control. This amendment would take away that carte blanche which 886 attempts to give to the Governor. Senator Warner does not want to discuss things that have happened since the introduction of this bill. But as circumstances change, policies must change. And I'm surprised that Senator Warner, with all of his wisdom, would want to ignore the total change in conditions that has taken place.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: Good morning, it's the Chambers-Witek show. (Laugh.) I see that everyone realizes we have about an hour left on this bill and would choose to keep busy with other things instead of making comments or engaging in the discussion of this and just.... I still...I guess I'll hold out some little hope that the bill will not be advanced. But I would definitely like to see, if nothing else, before, if you're going to advance this bill, before you do so that you adopt this