

amendment of Senator Chambers to do away with Section 21. I tried to do so yesterday. I thought with arguments that were at least reasonable in nature it seems amazing to me that a group of 49 people, or a majority thereof would be willing because of.... You have to understand, this Governor has appointed this entire commission already in his five years as a Governor. So this is his commission, I mean he's appointed them all. His own commission, for some reason unbeknownst to most of us and too hard to pinpoint from those of us who have tried to talk to people, but for some reason he's not happy with his appointees. Something's not right, maybe they're not doing what he asks when he asked them to, but is that their function? Is that what they're supposed to do is when he says jump they say how high? I don't think so. This is an autonomous agency that is supposed to be operating outside of the political arena. The only thing political is supposed to be the appointment and then that's it. And this is in other areas of government that I've become much more aware of that this happens. And then the Governor assumes, because he's made the appointment, that he can tell those people what to do or how to do it. And that's not the way it's supposed to work, that's not the way government is supposed to work. The reason, I believe, they have the Governor appoint these individuals is because he's in a position to do so and he has an extensive staff and it's something within the realm of possibility for that individual. He's an easily notifiable individual, or she, in order to do this type of appointing, and that's how it's been done since the sixties. This is the first Governor in 30 years, that I know of, that has decided that even though he's appointed the entire commission and made all those appointments himself, that he's not happy with them for some reason or another, so he's going to come to the Legislature with a bill that allows him to appoint, within 45 days, the E clause is on this thing, too, in 45 days, if this bill goes through, he can appoint an entire new commission and a new director, all because of this Section 21 that Senator Chambers is trying to do away with. Who should have that? Who should have that in politics? There's no state senator who should have that type of power, the Governor should not have that type of power. That's why these terms are broken up into so many years for each individual, so that there is some opportunity there for other individuals to be involved, some accountability. This gives no accountability, this gives the entire commission and the director to this Governor, to manipulate if he so chooses to do so. If he doesn't, then why can't he just keep the commission