

years that I've been here and been hearing about it, and to do away with the entire commission and the director in order to solve some of the problems for this agency, that to me were not that difficult problems to solve. It looks to me like, you know, maybe a little better organizing, a little better training would solve a lot of the problems here. But we don't have a bill that says, let's get a little better organized, let's get a little better training. We have a bill that says, give the Governor the power to appoint an entirely new commission and an entire new director for this agency. We went after a few little problems with a sledge hammer here. And why is that? Someone must have wanted that power to do so. Someone must have thought that this... And you know if it...and this is an individual at this time who's already appointed the entire commission. We're not just talking about the Governor this time, we're talking about future Governors. We're laying the groundwork here to say let's say there's a difference in parties in the next election, and another Governor takes over and he or she doesn't like the EEOC here in the state of Nebraska. And they're going to get a majority of senators on this floor to vote for this type of legislation. Every four years, or every eight years, or whatever we're going to have some Governor come in here and do away with our EEOC. This is the kind of policy that you are establishing with this section of this bill. You're saying to anyone who wants to come in, yes, if you want to do away with our EEOC, you go right ahead and get this bill through the Legislature and you can appoint an entire commission and an...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...entire new director for this agency. How is an agency supposed to function under that kind of hammer that they've got, that this person is so willing to use at this time in that agency? They can't function. They're out there trying to defend their very existence with this Governor. And I understand that this is a potentially very political agency. Think about it. You're all political people. Think about the potential of this agency, that should not be abused. That political potential should not be abused. And Section 21 of this bill is the most blatant abuse of that power that I have seen in my...this is my fourth year here in the Legislature. Just open, up front, blatant abuse of political power to completely do away with the EEOC commission and the director of that agency. And the people in this body seem to be going along