

realize the power that the executive director does have. Right at the top there, executive director, all the way across here, the sheet, has that power to move these investigations forward or to stop them. And so it is in essence the underlinks, under this executive director really follow the lead of that leader of the commission. My concern is that maybe this is not the best year to be taking it up and maybe we ought to be looking at...give the commission maybe another year to try to get itself organized and show us whether or not they can turn this commission around. I guess that is kind of why I am leaning towards not supporting the bill at this time and maybe re-examining this issue next year in hopes that the commission will get an executive director that will diligently seek out discrimination and the state or at least access the complaints that are filed to them. But, anytime you talk about, the reason we establish these commissions is to provide some sort of insulation from the political networking that exists with our Governor and our Legislature, those are the realities of it. We still allow some political input by allowing those commission members to be appointed by the Governor. But it is my belief that the commission, even though it has had some rocky times here in recent years, will get back on path and will do the job, as to the most extent I feel they have been doing a good job, but will do even a better job in the management...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...of...management style of that commission. So, that is my belief, I don't know if that fits in, it is off the path a little bit of Senator Chambers' amendment. I think Senator Chambers knows how I voted on that amendment in the past and we will have our opportunity again in our hearing to again address that issue and we will have a full hearing and examine it and that issue may be on the floor for us to fully debate and vote on by the membership. But the commissioner, executive director is going to be in charge of this particular form of discrimination that Senator Chambers is talking about, as well as all the other forms of discrimination that have been involved with, or that are occurring in the state. I feel that this Legislature, in passing a major piece of legislation a couple of years ago under the help of Senator Landis...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.