

providing to. The reason as far as getting rid of the Public Service Commission out of the constitution, I don't think we should get rid of all their functions. I do believe that there are several functions that are basically duplicated in the different agencies, such as the Department of Agriculture, the Fire Marshal's Office and so forth. How they could be combined I don't know, that's why I hope we spend an adequate amount of time discussing this constitutional amendment. Another thing is the...as far as what I'd like to ask Senator Brown a question, if she would respond.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR ENGEL: And that is, if this constitutional amendment does get on the ballot and it is passed by the voters of the state of Nebraska, a little bit more precisely what would replace it? And could you give me kind of a time frame as far as the replacement process.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, if the constitutional amendment passes in the Legislature, it will be on the ballot in November. At the same time one of the commissioners, I think it's District 2, is...that position is up for election. And so that person would have a six-year term of office. So you would have someone who had a six-year term of office, two people who had a two-year term of office, and two people who had a four-year term of office left. Some time between the time of the vote, if it were voted on by the people,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and the two minutes...I mean the two years before the next election, we would need to deal with the structure of election of commissioners. But as I said before, the statutes that we have in place, 75-101 to 75-155, which talk about the roles and responsibilities of the Public Service Commission, would not go away unless we brought bills to the floor of this Legislature that addressed specifically eliminating those functions.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you very much, Senator Brown. And again, I'd like to emphasize that I hope that we take the proper time