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fired by the Governor and, ultimately, the Governor can force resolution of any conflict.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would, under this bill, would the Governor have the power to say how the Policy Cabinet decision-making process would work?

SENATOR WESELY: Ah...

SENATOR BEUTLER: If the Governor wanted, for example, to say that the Policy Secretary...I assume if...

SENATOR WESELY: That's right

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..the Governor says that the Policy Secretary will resolve all disputes, that that's the way it will be and the Policy Secretary, in that event, will be a super...kind of superagency head.

SENATOR WESELY: That's...that could...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that accurate?

SENATOR WESELY: That could be. That...mean that's a possibility.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so, basically, the Governor is going to determine how that cabinet is going to operate.

SENATOR WESELY: As he does now with the agencies in terms of the directors.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right. Okay. Senator, I think that's all. I guess one of the things I think we should think about is this provisions that exempts up to 30 positions from the State Personnel System. You know, to me this is one of those things that goes in historic cycles again, and at one time in this country, all...almost all positions were at the will of whoever the political person was making the appointment, and there was a lot of corruption, and the system didn't operate as we would like it to operate idealistically, that whoever appointed these positions appointed those who were best suited for the position but, rather, people got elected by promising jobs and sharing the goods, and that's a cynical view of politics, but that's...