

SENATOR WESELY: Right, yes, they are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So in a sense, they are the Governor's children. He is the daddy right now, isn't he?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, yeah, in a sense, this is his family he'd like to reorganize.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So he's asking the Legislature to come in and bring tranquility in his household when all he has to do is tell his hardheaded, stubborn children, you all come sit around this table. Now let me ask you this question, does the Governor have the authority to order all these department heads to come to whatever location he summons them?

SENATOR WESELY: As a code agency director, obviously, they are hired and fired at the call of the Governor, so he has the authority over them and I think would be able to bring them together at any point he so chooses.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if some, so to speak, are walking box-ankled and slue-footed, the Governor can tell them, straighten up and fly right, or hit the road, Jack. That's correct, isn't it?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, that is right. He has that authority.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So do we have a Governor so weak that he cannot tell these directors stop bickering, stop these turf wars, and coordinate your activities, and do the job that ought to be done? Senator Wesely, is the Governor powerless to make that demand right now?

SENATOR WESELY: No more powerful or powerless than us because we've passed bills calling on these agencies to work together which has not resulted in that cooperation either. In the end, our effort or the Governor's effort, if it is not carried out with goodwill, will not succeed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, we cannot fire these people. Can the Governor hire and fire them?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.