

page 3, they make it clear that this policy cabinet does not constitute a separate legal entity. So the term "legal entity" is used in connection with this cabinet. When they talk on page 8 about it not being subject to the open meetings law, they refer to it as a "public body" not being a public body. So when you refer to it in one place as a legal entity and say it's not that, and then in another place speaking in the negative it's not a public body, then I don't want there to be confusion. I don't want that second statement about its not being a public body to suggest that somehow it, when they get together they are conducting private business, that they are no longer deemed to be public employees conducting the public business and somehow privatization is in operation here. So rather than having two statements about this cabinet in different parts of the bill, I eliminated the reference on page 8 and took the essence of that thought and brought it to page 3 where they first start telling you what this policy cabinet is. The policy cabinet is the policy secretary plus the heads of the departments, that's what the policy cabinet is. It is not a separate legal entity. And then I just add the language at that spot in the bill that it also is not a public body and therefore is not subject to the open meetings law. That's what the introducers of the bill are interested in, making it clear that it's not a separate legal entity, that it is not a public body subject to the open meetings law. I have just put two ideas together so that they make the one point. That's what this amendment does. If you vote against this amendment you do not make this outfit subject to the open meetings law, you simply leave two statements about it which can create ambiguity and confusion as to exactly what it is that this policy cabinet is. So that's what the amendment does. I say again, if you vote against the amendment you do not make the cabinet subject to the open meetings law. If you vote for it, you make it clear that this cabinet does not become a separate legal entity and it is not a public body, therefore it's not subject to the open meetings law. It's just a collection of department heads having a bull session, which is what we've been having on this bill...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because that's what the bill concerns itself with. But if these people are gotten together by the Governor as can be done now, they can do that and have a bull session, and they're not converted thereby into a public body,