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could certainly amend the bill.

SENATOR BROMM: Under the committee amendment, who selects the members of the Patrol that will be part of the study?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: (Laugh) I'll get back to you on it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers, on the committee amendments to LB 153. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm in favor of this task force. As the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee pointed out, the vast majority of committee members, which includes me, voted for this bill and the amendments that will be offered I don't think are too consequential. It is important that a study be undertaken of what the State Patrol is doing, what they were created to do, whether or not there are inconsistencies and duties being just given to them through accretion, which a State Patrol was never designed to handle. As a result of that, the agency has become highly politicized and Governor Johanns is the one who has politicized the State Patrol to the point where it is losing respect throughout the state. And one of the worse things that he did was to leapfrog a sergeant over all other command personnel and make him the Director of the State Patrol, promoted him to colonel, and he is the superintendent. Mr. Nesbitt may be a nice fellow but he is not a good administrator and he is not a good commanding officer. In the military, you move up through the ranks in order that you can learn things at each stage that will prepare you for the next step. And you do what Johanns did to pay off a political debt to Tom Nesbitt, he wrecked the morale of the State Patrol. I know at least one person who was an officer, and he was a good officer, who could not go along with this politicization, but his integrity caused him to feel that since he couldn't go along with it, the honorable thing to do was to resign or retire, whichever word was used, and that's what he did. In any other