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simply, at this time, say that I think...I mean, there were...there has been a lot of work on this bill. And it was a very difficult one to decide how the language should be put together, and a lot of discussions with a lot of people on it. I would like to see the bill move forward. And I'm sure that Senator McDonald would be happy to work on the language if that would help people. I think it's clear what we're trying to do here. We are trying to say that...who a member of the executive branch is not. And in this case, a member of the executive branch is not an employee of a political subdivision. With that, Mr. President, I would return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Erdman. Senator Erdman waives off. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I'm going to go through this part of the constitution we're amending, step by step, again. The first sentence names the executive officers of this state. And there is a different category which is not named. If we create other executive departments, or if there are other executive departments named in the constitution, those are executive officers, so...and offices. The first part does the naming. Then there is an expansion in the next sentence, because the Legislature can say that we're going to establish additional offices. But the ones who may be placed over those offices are the above named officers, those state officers that you see at the beginning. All that this is talking about are the officers who are named in the constitution, the fact that the Legislature can create executive offices, and who shall be placed over those offices. This language is unnecessary, because the head of a political subdivision cannot be placed over one of these offices anyway. This provision of the constitution is talking about executive offices. By the language in the constitution right here, the head of a political subdivision, the employee of a political subdivision, could not be placed over one of these offices. Here is what is being said, in effect, with this language. We have three offices created by the constitution; we have three more offices created by the Legislature. The only ones who can be over those offices