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SENATOR BURLING: We've had a lot of commissions and task forces over the years, and those decisions are made by, you know, the chair and the local...whoever the commission is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who determines the chair?

SENATOR BURLING: The members of the commission elect the chair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the Governor sees that the Exec Board is going to appoint nobody and the Governor appoints two people, those two people could decide that one is the chair and the other is the vice chair. That's...is that true?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, the bill says that these people, and it names them, shall be members of the commission, so the commission couldn't very well operate, according to law, without those members being appointed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it could not function with just the eight that the Governor would appoint.

SENATOR BURLING: I don't see how it could, because...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BURLING: ...it spells out these are the members of the commission and you need them all to function legally.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where does it say that in the bill?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, I don't know as it says that particular word in the bill, but it says the commission shall be comprised of these members, and how do you operate without the members that the bill spells out?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there's nothing in the bill that says if you have fewer than 16 people appointed the commission does not exist. Is that correct?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, it's a matter of opinion, I guess.