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legislature and placed on the Commission as a permanent member. I ask that you seriously consider this amendment. I ask that you seriously consider the implications of rejecting it.

PRESIDENT: Now again there are many lights on. Was yours to Senator Chambers, Senator Lewis? Alright.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I would rise to respond to Senator Chambers motion. Rise to oppose it. The committee looked at two or three alternatives and one of those that Senator Chambers suggested we did to start with. We decided to put a member of the legislature on but we ran into some of the old regular Commission problems that you realize the problem we have with the LEAA and some of those. What we did in the bill was attempt to bring about a balance in this Commission. A balance brought about by continuity of officials who have served and some practicality in terms of some of the problems that are faced by it. Obviously we have the other lay people on there, under the qualifications we mentioned. I believe it's absolutely imperative that we leave the Governor and the Secretary of State on it. Then I think we have a well balanced effort. Secondly, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to make a request that I think will make this issue easier if I can get the President's attention. Mr. President? I'd like to ask and see if I can do that, I'd like for us first of all if we would and I believe it would be a more orderly procedure, Senator Chambers, if we would adopt the committee amendments first and then, then start amending from there. I ask unanimous... Well Senator Chambers might want to respond to that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lewis, could we suspend whatever rule is necessary to allow an amendment to what would have been a committee amendment to be adopted by a simple majority of those voting as would be the case now?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: All I'm trying to do is to do the time element. We can do it either way we want to. I'm suggesting it would be easier to have the amendments and then adopt the amendments to them. That's a suggestion and obviously Senator Chambers is concerned about it so I'll drop that suggestion. But I would ask you to reject the Chambers amendment. I think that we talked about it, we discussed it with a number of people and we decided this would bring about the balance we need and I would ask you to reject the Chambers proposal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, is your motion still before the House as far as you are concerned? Alright. I think we better vote on that matter. Do you wish to respond by way of closing, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, and I'm reading this into the record so that if that initiative becomes necessary it will be clear that some of us on the floor of the legislature saw defects in the types of amendments that are being offered to this bill. Amendments that are designed to weaken it and render it a cripple. Section 118, on page 2