

long act, but I think I've summarized, at least in general, the major changes that are included. If there are questions or comments on specific areas, I would be glad to respond to those.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Warner. Mr. Clerk, I understand we have some amendments filed to the committee amendments.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, I do have a series of amendments to the committee amendments. The first is by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers would offer AM2429. I believe copies were distributed to the members this morning.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. And I do want to thank the Clerk's Office for having made copies of this amendment and distributing it to the members. I had offered this at the tail end of last session when Senator Hall brought this nefarious bill before us. Before I discuss my amendment, I want to make it clear that I am totally opposed to what is being attempted by this bill. When you were talking about discrimination based on the various categories of persons defined in the bill, there is no agency of government which itself may be subject to a complaint of discrimination should have control over the entity which is going to do the investigating and making a determination as to whether such an offense has taken place. The Governor has demonstrated a terrible lack of objectivity, a total inability to allow an agency to proceed as it should based on the way the statutes have created it in his dealings with the Parole Board. He is petulant, sometimes he throws a tantrum when a decision is made that the newspapers and the editorial writers tell him is not acceptable. These are not independent determinations by the Governor based on his evaluation of facts, analysis of the situation, but rather on what seems to be opposed by editorial writers. Since he has a kind of political approach which is vanilla rather than Louisiana Red Devil Hot Sauce in character, he wants to try to stay right in the middle of the road. So, if this commission were to be placed under his control and it is attacking one of the areas which business is very sensitive to because businesses are notorious for their inclination to discriminate, they'll just tell the Governor, fire these commissioners, pull on their chain and stop them from