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SPEAKER: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: The section that I just read can be made to apply to both of the Directors as we was talking about here this morning.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: That's fine with me. Then, we will expect that to be...your amendment to be amended to that effect, and, also, the record will show that this was the situation that both Directors will serve at the pleasure of the Commission and can be dismissed by the Commission.

SENATOR BURBACH: I will incorporate that into the motion.

SPEAKER: That is for cause, isn't it, Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: That is correct.

SENATOR DUIS: Before we go too much further with this, I think I'd like to have this read again before we vote on it, so we know that this particular section does give the right of dismissal, positively.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney. We will come back and read that, Senator Duis, before we take final vote. Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, Senator Burbach, would you yield to one or two questions?

SENATOR BURBACH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Burbach, as I understand the amendment, and I was out of the room, there, for a minute, I see that we are not changing the Commission at all. The Commission is still going to be the Attorney General, Secretary of State, we are going to have all the elected officers again, actually forming the Commission and going about and bringing the three members. Is this correct? The three nominees.

SENATOR BURBACH: They will select the three nominees and the Governor will appoint one of those as his man.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, would this be the proper time, now, to speak my objection to it or would you rather that he finish and then I would come back and...

SPEAKER: Well, whatever is your pleasure, Senator.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Thank you. Senator Burbach, I can see in your amendments here that you have been chosen for the great compromiser and I compliment you on the fact that it has merit, but it doesn't go far enough. You see you are still placing in the hands of the elected officials, the Secretary of State who has many more duties than he can handle now, the Attorney General in which Senator Syas and many of us agree has more than enough work just concentrating and doing some mind reading and coming up with the various opinions that he has, and I am sure these people can be weighed on either side. One political party could have it for a span or for an era, and then there could be a great drought for the other political party, and, so, I think that this thing here of keeping the Commission being elected officials, we are getting right back into it again, and I say, Senator Burbach, that as your amendment is meant well, it isn't strong enough. We are still leaving elected officials to be in this Commission and I think that the Governor, again, as I said on this floor before, ought to have the right and duty to run this part of state government and we should not take