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these particular duties from him, and this is what will happen. We are just softening it a little, but, still the people who are elected would be forming the Commission and the Governor, in this case, would be ceremonial only.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, Senator Burbach, I think I have a couple of question, if you would yield, first? On the Commission and the recommendations to the Governor, the three people, would that have to be unanimous or could that be by majority?

SENATOR BURBACH: Unanimous by the Commission.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes.

SENATOR BURBACH: It doesn't so provide. It's selected by, and it doesn't provide for unanimous. No.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I would assume that it is unanimous in the absence of a provision to the contrary. By the Commission would mean by the entire Commission. And likewise for removal, would it have to be unanimous or by a majority?

SENATOR BURBACH: Well, I can't see why it would have to be unanimous, as long as it is not spelled out that way. You can look at it either direction, I suppose, but I think that the standard procedures are majority of the group voting, casting their decision, to...I don't know of any precedence that it must be unanimous if it isn't so stated.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It would not be your intent to have it unanimous. Is that my understanding?

SENATOR BURBACH: Correct.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: For either appointment or removal, it would be by majority, that's the understanding.

SENATOR BURBACH: That's right.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK. Well, thanks, Senator Burbach. I, personally, find the compromise unacceptable. I don't think...of course, I initially found the original bill unacceptable and I think the compromise really doesn't do anything to answer those objections that I had to the initial bill. We are talking about removing politics from the Department of Administrative Services and making the Director, apparently, equally responsive to every agency of state government. Well, that simply isn't going to happen under either of the concepts of the bill. This man, in some way, is going to have to play politics to keep everybody...or keep a certain number of people happy. I think that we all know that it would be impossible for anybody to serve in that capacity and keep everybody happy. So, he is going to have to...he is going to be placed in a position of selecting who he is going to keep happy. All we are doing here, either by the amendment or by the original bill, is putting a man in a position, in an administrative position, and giving him, more or less, the discretion as to deciding who is he going to keep happy, who is he going to attempt to satisfy in order to keep his job and in order to keep the minimum amount of heat on him, or off himself. That's what the amendment does. That is what the original provision of the bill does and I think, presently, this man belongs to the Governor. The Department of Administrative Services belongs to the Governor. I think that it is an administrative function. The Governor is the Administrative Executive of the state of Nebraska and that power, and the responsibility of that individual belongs to the Governor. That is who he should be accountable to. That's the only person he should be accountable to and he shouldn't...I think it is just a disaster for the