

gentlemen for example want to be subjected to harrassment, merely by the filing of law suits, which the cost of the law suits and defending yourself would be more than what they might accomplish in any case even had you been guilty. This is your chance to put yourself in that position. Now Senator Snyder I don't understand his application, his position of being so honest in being sure that there's no witch hunt. I wish if he has any knowledge of a witch hunt he'd be more specific and say who had it and where it was at.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder, do you care to respond?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I never said that there was, I said there could be. I said there could be. I didn't say that, I said there could be. No, I didn't.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, Senator Carpenter, let him respond.

SENATOR SNYDER: Now Senator, if that was your understanding I apologize, it was not the intent. I'm saying that you will not be here for years and years, I will not be here for years and years. None of us here today will but we are setting policy, we are setting policy. But that section of the bill says that the board may set up sub committees to carry out functions such as investigation of any area which it may decide is in the public interest and no member of the Legislature shall be liable in any civil or criminal action whatever for words spoken when conducting an investigation authorized by the Executive Board. All I'm saying is that to me, if I'm proven wrong so be it, but to me I'm a bit fearful of that much authority. I'm saying, to me that it's unnecessary at this time. I think that the libel and slander laws in this state are loose enough as it is. I don't know when the last time there was ever a libel or slander settlement in this state. It's an awfully hard thing to prove and I'm saying that this is giving absolute, absolute immunity to any member of the Legislature who is acting on a sub-committee and I think that, to my way of thinking, we've got all the tools we need to do our work right now. We meaning anyone of the Legislature, present or future. And you gentlemen do what you want but I am going to oppose it.

PRESIDENT: Now we still have the Carpenter amendment to the Goodrich amendment which is being discussed. Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I just would like to mention and to echo the speakers before who are in favor of the amendment that if this is struck out or taken out there'd be no sense in having our interim study committees where there are times that people just look for that picky issue where a libel suit would be filed and I think as legislators we have this right, we give everybody else their rights. This ought to give us the opportunity to keep this one for ourselves.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, excuse me, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'll pass for a minute.

PRESIDENT: All right, now Senator Cavanaugh is passing, We now still have the Carpenter amendment to the Goodrich amendment and if you're all through discussing it then we'll have Senator Carpenter close on his amendment. Okay, there is no closing. The question is, shall the Carpenter amendment to the Goodrich amendment be adopted? All those in favor please say aye, those opposed say no. The ayes have it, so ordered.