

amendment does is to, in effect, undo the minute Committee amendment and put the bill back to where it was originally. If you will look at Page 4, Section 3 of the bill, the green copy, you will see that it reads: There is hereby created the Affirmative Action Office, which shall be a division of the State Department of Personnel. The office shall be under the administrative control of the Director of the Department of Personnel. That's the way it reads in the green copy. The Committee amendment altered that reading a little bit. The administration has concluded it would be better to go back to the former reading. So what my amendment does is to undo the Committee amendment that dealt with Section 3, and returns Section 3 to exactly the way it reads in the bill book, that is the green copy.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Question of Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Just briefly, Senator Johnson, what did the Committee amendment accomplish, and what did you unaccomplish? What is the functional difference?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well the Committee amendment would have had Section 3 read: There is hereby created the Affirmative Action Office which shall be a division of the State Department of Personnel for organizational purposes only. That's...that's the way the Committee amendment would have had Section 3 read. And I guess the function of that particular amendment, which was basically recommended by the state administration, was to make certain that the state administra...that the administrative...I'm sorry, that the Affirmative Action Office not be under gubernatorial control. Now the administration has concluded in the end that it is probably better to have that office under gubernatorial control so it's responsible to somebody...so it isn't just a free agent out there on it's own hook.

SENATOR MURPHY: Then you're saying what you're doing is putting that office under the Governor rather than under the Department of Personnel?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, it comes back through the Department of Personnel, which apparently is under the Governor. That's where...because when you go back to Section 3 and you put the original language back in, it says the office