

to this problem. A middle ground is there to be found but it has got to be found in a way in which we feel comfortable and in a way that will actually have support of the public. So I am looking for that common ground and this may be a successful way to find it.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber, please. There is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Scofield would move to amend the Landis amendment. (The Scofield amendment appears on page 683 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, what I am proposing here is that we amend the resolution to allow the Governor to appoint six citizens and the Exec Board to appoint six senators. My reason for proposing this amendment is I think to deal with the whole issue of concern that we have about separation of powers between the two branches, the concern that we won't have an impartial study and that somebody somehow will have the opportunity to grab this issue and run with it and we will not get an impartial and unbiased study. I think this is too important an issue for us to allow it to proceed without direct involvement by the Legislature. Therefore, I would oppose strictly having a task force assigned to go off in a corner somewhere and work on this because my fear would be that because of the time constraints that we have right now and all the other things that we have on our mind, unless we have senators actively involved in this study, I think it is very likely that we could do what a lot of organizations do when they commission a study and that is they have the study and then when it comes in they put it on the shelf, or, on the other hand, it opens it up to the danger of the lobbying process just continuing and nobody really taking that study very seriously. I think we need a cooperative venture or effort here between the citizenry and the Legislature and we need linking pins out of the Legislature throughout the total process here. Some of you may think perhaps that the numbers should be different on this and I, frankly, would not...if somebody wants to propose a slightly different balance, I guess I would not argue with that given the amount of time we have. Perhaps six senators is too many. Somebody suggested that to me. At this point, I am saying,