

talking to the Governor, I would assume, though, that the kinds of questions that have been raised should be of enough concern to him that I would be surprised, I guess, if he refused to help us out on this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, I think in all fairness there ought to be some legislative intent expressed so that there is no question about what the Executive Board is expected to do in that situation. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: In my estimation, Senator Beutler, it would...I think we should ask the body for additional guidance in the event the Governor would not perform that task.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, then it will be the position of the Executive Board, on that question, that it will return to the body for further guidance and will not proceed with the study in the event that the Governor refuses to appoint. Is that satisfactory with you people?

SENATOR LANDIS: That would be satisfactory with me.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Now in the event that he does appoint, as we all are aware as a practical matter, who chairs this particular committee is a very important factor. Is it your expectation that the chair of the committee will be appointed by the Executive Board, or by the Governor? What is your...what is the legislative intent on that particular question?

SENATOR LANDIS: The same thing happens in a jury. The jury selects their own foreman. I would anticipate these 12 people choosing a chairman, rotating the task. It could be done procedurally any number of different ways. But there is not the requirement of a single chair.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. With regard to resources and support for this particular committee, if the Executive Board makes the determination that existing resources, in terms of research support, are not available to do a good job in this kind of a time frame, is it your expectation that a deficit appropriation will be requested by the Executive Board, and would you support that deficit