

guess tells you having them appoint the members to do the study, and I don't mean this as an insult but I mean it as pure logic. Obviously, if they want to consider repeal of Initiative 300, I would not expect them to appoint people to this study group that are going to be of the opposite opinion. I think it is like putting the fox in there to watch the chickens. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the process is deteriorating in the way that I knew it would the first day, and said it. The Governor is being made into a ping pong ball and what the Legislature is doing now is more insulting than what it did by putting him it without asking his permission, or whether or not he would cooperate. They are saying now they really don't believe that he is going to do it, so the Executive Board will do it if he doesn't. It could be taken by him as a veiled threat, the Legislature saying, you better do it, or we'll do it without you, and he'd say, well, go ahead and do it then. Or it could be a statement of a lack of confidence. We don't believe you are going to do it even though we put you in it. So he says, well, you don't have confidence in me, do it yourself. What we ought to stop doing, as a Legislature, is playing with this aspect of the issue. We know what the real game is. We know who the real players are and by the players I mean those who have the power to pull strings in here and cause senators to behave in a certain way. We know what power they have, and we know what lengths they will go to. I remember reading in history where a president was...he had been impeached and they were voting whether or not to convict him. They brought a senator in on his...off his sick bed, trundled him in on a stretcher and that senator's vote was what kept a president from being impeached. Well, they brought a senator here from a sick bed and that senator's vote kept LR 16 from dying. So there are historical parallels. And we know where the power is. I don't know why people are not willing to discuss it. We are running around bushes, stirring a lot of dust and pretending that we are talking about a process aimed at getting facts. It is an attempt to buy time. The Governor should not be put in this mess at all. What the Legislature should go ahead and do is say that the Executive Board is going to appoint, for better or for worse, however many people the Legislature determines will make up that