

seven people, you have a quorum. Let's say you have seven people, to have a quorum you need four people. If you don't have enough people you just don't meet or, you know, if people don't show up they just simply function without having the amount of people that should be there but can't make it. It's just a new concept I had not thought about and in some ways I don't like it at all because I don't think we want to get into a situation where we encourage absenteeism for somebody who is appointed to a position. They ought to fulfill that position. On the other hand, if there is a functional problem and it's a small matter, it looks like it is in this case, I don't mind that so much. But I guess I was just wondering...I'd worry about having this concept spread too far I guess is what I'm saying. I don't know if it is or not, but...

SENATOR BEYER: Well, I carry a little concern too, but you've also got to carry the concern that if a developer comes in and asks for something and they can't get a quorum and they might go several months without it, he has lost a season of development and I, you know...

SENATOR WESELY: Has that been a difficulty, Senator Beyer? Is that why the bill is in?

SENATOR BEYER: Basically that is what was brought to me by the City of Gretna, yeah.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, and so by doing this where you have...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...a problem with a quorum, you now, with this alternate, should not have that problem and that is the intent?

SENATOR BEYER: That's their intention. I'm not sure that that was just their intention.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I will now will recognize Senator Schellpeper followed by Senator Crosby. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I'd like to also ask Senator Beyer a question. I'd like to have you explain