

dual role, you have the county out there, and you have the state...the Secretary of State, and it's never been really that clear in terms of who has the authority to make final decisions.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: So that really is the intent of this legislation is the structure, not to address and try to fix all the ills that we all feel we have spotted in election law.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers, do you wish to be recognized again?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair, I just want to be brief to try to focus the body's attention on what I consider to be a very serious problem, and it relates to the removal power of the Governor. The language says, based on what we have here, nobody else can remove these people only the Governor. The board cannot remove them, nobody. So the Governor, under this, is empowered to remove, but is not mandated to move, the Governor may remove. So, if I'm on the board and Senator Conway is on the board, and Senator Conway goes crazy, stone crazy and I go stone crazy, the Governor may remove Senator Conway, but he doesn't have to remove me. I'm as crazy as he is, he goes and I stay. And there is nothing the board can do about that. There has to be something done with this provision. Senator Conway is not really crazy, we thought he was, the Governor kicks him off, so Conway says, I want to have a hearing, Governor. So the Governor says, okay, Conway, come on in here and let's have a hearing. So they sit down, the Governor rears back in his chair and puts his feet up on the glass top table, drinking coffee, spilling tobacco on his shirt and says, okay Conway, what you got on your mind. Conway says, Governor, I'm not crazy. And the Governor says, well I think you are. Conway says, I think I'm not. They do that for a half an hour. And so when it's over the Governor says, Conway, I still think you're crazy, you're off the board, and he's off. No appeal, no due process, nothing that constituted a fair hearing, not even a rational basis for removing him in the first place. It's all up to the Governor to determine every one of the issues. So I'm raising the point, because I think something has got to be done about that provision. And that's all that I'll say on it at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.