

look at the entire system as laid out in this scheme to the judge of the court. At this point, I'm in support of Senator Will's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I would like to ask Senator Will a technical question on the operation of his amendment if he would yield.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Will, I'm looking at your amendment and I notice that the representatives for this administrative panel are chosen by the Governor. But it's unclear as to the length of time that they serve. Once they're part of the administrative panel, they serve for a period of time or on cause or until the Governor's term is up, how long did you have in mind for them to serve?

SENATOR WILL: I would...I would interpret, Senator Landis, because my amendment is silent on any length of terms that it simply would be at the pleasure of the Governor which is...I think my amendment would indicate. So when the Governor wanted to change the representatives or a new Governor came in that would be...my interpretation would be that the Governor could change this at any...at any time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much. I can understand why the IME which has this critical role needs to be drawn from a panel that people feel comfortable with. Thank you for the correction from Senator Coordsen. I support an amendment that appears just two down on the list from Senator Beutler that says that the IMEs are on the IME list based on an approval of the majority of the judges of the compensation court. One of the difficulties is that governors have pretty clear leaning sometimes towards labor or towards management. And notice that the employer's representative is not picked by the employer, the employer's representative is picked by the Governor. Now if you have a tendency to think that a Governor came in with heavy leanings toward labor or heavy leanings toward management and could select this administrative panel to choose the IMEs, you've got a system, you've got an appointment process that is politicized.