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I oppose this bill. It is a step towards removing governance from the people.

The U.S. Constitution provides for the direct election of Senators by the people, a principle enshrined by the 17th Amendment. By allowing the governor to appoint a Senator, we risk undermining this constitutional safeguard and returning to a system that circumvents the will of the voters. The people should retain the power to choose their representatives, not have that power taken away by an unelected official.