

Summary

The bachelor thesis deals with the issue of the Senate's position as one of the chambers of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

The basic question pervading the whole thesis is whether the Senate in the Czech Republic has legitimate position. This question is considered in several connotations, both in comparison with second chambers of other countries and their functions, and in terms of the position of the Czech Senate in its partial powers.

The thesis is presented with a brief overview of the evolution of legislative bodies in the period from the First Republic to the early nineties when the formation of the current form of bicameral parliament took place. Other chapters focus on its subsequent development which is marked by the period when the Senate was not established and its functions ensured the Chamber of Deputies. Furthermore, the thesis is focused on issues related to constitutional and legal embodiment of the Senate, the question of the extent and effectiveness of the use of its powers and the thesis deals with critical views too. The conclusion summarizes the results that came from the analysis, answers the research question and determines the possible subsequent development.

Key words: the Senate, the Parliament of the Czech republic, constitutional system, tradition, bicameralism, powers