

Bud Wilkerson and the Oklahoma football team in the late '50s and the mid and early '60s, Oklahoma had an appointed board of regents. In the great days of the Oklahoma football team in the mid '70s Oklahoma had an appointed board of regents. As a matter of fact in the Big 8, that we skirmish with every fall, only one, Colorado, has an elected board of regents in addition to Nebraska. What kind of football team has Colorado had in recent years? So none of you need to fear that our football team is going to become any less good if we have an appointed board of regents. Again, look at the Oklahoma experience. If we look over to the Big 10 we will see that 7 of the 10 universities in the Big 10 have appointed regents. What that means is that, of all of the 70 or so great institutions that are in existence in the United States, those 7 that have appointed...I'm sorry, that had elected governing boards are within the Midwest in the Big 8, Big 10 region. But I think if we look at the experience elsewhere in the country, on the west coast and the east coast and everywhere else, everywhere else we will see that an appointed system prevails 100 percent and is to be desired, certainly in my opinion. At a minimum the voters ought to have an opportunity to choose. Let me also point out that we have five or six members of our own body who were initially appointed, some of the finest of the 49, Senator Barrett and Senator Chronister, Senator Scofield, Senator Hall, Senator Goll, Senator Harris. That is a list of the people that I can recall who have been initially appointed. All of them, I might add, have subsequently, Senator Labeledz, I'm sorry, Senator Labeledz was initially appointed. All of them have subsequently been elected once or twice in some cases. Senator Labeledz might even have been reelected three times. But the point is I'd like each of you who was initially appointed to think hard about whether you would be in the Legislature today if you hadn't initially been appointed. Would you have, as someone...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...having only an interest in the Legislature, filed for office and done it the hard way, the way the rest of us have? I would think particularly in the case of those of you who voted in favor of the kill motion that were initially appointed, think hard in your own minds, would you be here today, would the Legislature have the benefit of your talents and your skills had you not