

back, you don't get one but there are at least several legislators that have served longer than I have, served longer than Senator George has, that certainly have more experience and probably should get a Doctorate as well. So that perhaps we should have a resolution for Senator Keyes who was a Chairman of a committee and had a lot of experience and maybe get him a Doctorate in Revenue or Economics; Senator Lewis, Doctorate in Speech, perhaps, and Debate, and so on. I guess it is for this reason that I think we need a certain clarification from the Executive Board as to which of us get to be Doctors and which don't. That might influence my decision to run again. So I think that there is some policy questions that need to be looked at. I think the Executive Board can refer that. I think perhaps even the question of granting ourselves degrees is a little inappropriate and I'd urge the Executive Board perhaps find another equally suitable honor short of being put in the Hall of Fame perhaps, but some other suitable honor for retiring Senators. It is not a major thing but I think we do not do our image well when we start conferring special honors onto ourselves and I think we are kind of devaluating what a Doctorate means to suggest that it go to Senators who have retired. If we are going to be serious about this though, then I think those who have served and been defeated have every right, an equal right, to a Doctorate as somebody who has served and chosen to get out at the appropriate time. So I would move that this issue be referred to the Executive Board and they can then bring it back before us and explain a clear policy for the future as far as when Senators may or may not receive a Doctorate.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I really don't want to get into this discussion. I think it is great that you want to honor some of our colleagues that are no longer in the body. I don't know about sending the bill, though, to the Exec Board. I think it probably should go to the Business and Labor because you have to determine whether it is voluntary or involuntary quits.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Fowler's motion. I think that we were rushed into something last spring and many of us feel that that was not as appropriate procedure as we could have. Therefore, I urge your support of Senator Fowler's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.