

doesn't need to be in the statute, which I believe it is. It could certainly be just a rules type thing rather than statutory. But I see no point in adding this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, would you care to close on your amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, the issue that I'm trying to raise with the amendment is that there are some systems that we currently have. I had another amendment in here which dealt with the Education Committee. Apparently we have a compact for education, Article III, Section A of the compact for education states that the members serving on an education commission of the state are not chosen, at this time, by the entire Legislature and it's another example in our current rules where committees, as well as chairmen of committees, chairpersons of committees are not chosen by the entire membership. We currently do not provide in statute, or in rules for that matter, that the Chairman of the Building and Maintenance Committee, which deals with a rather sizeable budget, of maintaining current state buildings, as well as its membership, is chosen by the Executive Board. I'm not saying that that is particularly bad, but I'm saying that, if you're going to make all of the systems the same, then we should start with all the committees and not just be singling out one particular committee or another committee. Mr. President, at this time I wish to withdraw the amendment and then proceed to a vote on the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The amendment is withdrawn. Any other items, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Then we are, at this point, back to the bill itself, LB 189, and the effort to advance the bill. Senator Lynch, we're back to the bill itself.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members, we've already discussed this issue at great length, a number of amendments at great length. I think we're all talked out enough on the issue. I accept the recommendation of the body and would suggest simply in opening that, unless there are any lights on, also waive closing, that we support this rules change in its present form