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of issues, one of them was the Investment Council and, of course, the appointment to the Investment Council. Not knowing that the appointment recommendation would come up this morning, I sent a letter to the Governor indicating that if there was any controversy involved and if there was any problem in the Spence appointment that there was this group of very competent ladies, well-qualified, any one of the 25 of them, to serve in this capacity. Also, took, just for the heck of it in case politics was important in the appointments, how many were Republicans, and over 80 percent of them were Republicans. None of them knew anything about this kind of a responsibility at the state level, nor, in fact, that an appointment was available. I am sure nothing will happen, and apparently the politics is in this case that there is an adamant desire to make this appointment. She is a nice lady, comes from a nice family, and is very competent in her own right. She was given a job last year for five years on the Arts Council. It seems to me with this number of competent people out there, especially if there is some concern about there being a woman on this Investment Council, that we have somebody who is eminently qualified to deal with \$1,200,000,000 they have the responsibility for. And I also have to tell you that one of the first questions out of the box by I think Senator Haberman was in regard to the Investment Council's philosophy, and she was asked simply what she thought about that philosophy. And she admitted that she really had little experience in that but that she was a conservative and would make sure that the investments would be of a conservative nature. I will leave it at that, let you make up your own mind. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR WESELY: Just real briefly, Mr. President, Senator Ashford raised the question about the fact Ann Spence is a woman and I, of all people, care very much about opportunities for women and I think Senator Lynch just made a very excellent point, that, hopefully, this is not seen as an antiwoman issue; that, in fact, we are talking about questions of ability and background. And certainly, as others have said, she is a fine person, I am sure, and has many good characteristics, and I want nothing negative said about her personally. It is simply for the position we are asking her to fill, if she is the best person or among the best people to fill that position, and I think that the clear answer is no. And then the next question