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here, why it was that Dennis Carlson was not reappointed to this board. There is a lot of suspicion in this state about what is happening on Franklin, lot of suspicion about why things happen or don't happen, and let me tell you that this appointment adds further to that suspicion. Why was Dennis Carlson not reappointed? What was the reason? Was he getting too close to the truth? Was he becoming too effective? Was he working too closely with the Legislature? Were those the reasons that Dennis Carlson was not appointed to the Foster Care Review Board? Perhaps. There is only one person that can answer that question, but I think asking those questions is absolutely appropriate. The Franklin case has got the attention of this state. The whole issue has now come completely out in the open with last night's arrest of Peter Citron and there are probably more actions that will follow. The state is watching, and as the state watches, one of the things they are wondering is, as you all know, is what cover-up is occurring, what sort of things are not happening that should be happening, and if, in fact, there is a conspiracy, cover-up, or whatever? You know part of that equation will include the question of why Dennis Carlson was not appointed to the Foster Care Review Board. Now Dennis Carlson is a modest, kind, gentle, very competent attorney, an individual with a great deal of respect, a person whose word is as good as gold. This person deserved to be back on the Foster Care Review Board. Absolutely, the Governor can appoint whoever she wants or whoever the Governor is can appoint whoever they want. This Legislature can rubber-stamp and approve whatever they want as well. But as the one editorial in the Lincoln Journal talked about,...

FRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...there is a moment of accountability, and I think that moment of accountability needs to be raised at this point, because the voters and the citizens of this state eventually want to make sure that those appointments that are made are the best possible and there are good reasons for them. And so I, for one, raise those questions and rise in opposition to this appointment, not so much to oppose Alice Bartels but to oppose the fact that Dennis Carlson was not reappointed to the Foster Care Review Board.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Labedz.