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anything negative toward her. Perhaps, as many of you have suggested, the alternative is just not to vote, not to vote on this. That would send the message, would deal with the issue in a way that I think people could feel comfortable with. I still will vote against this appointment, perhaps more as a protest vote than anything, but if you don't feel you can take that step, the other alternative for you is simply not to vote.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, one point early on when the Foster Care Review Board were the only people that were making waves on Franklin, the FBI came in and interviewed a couple of them, basically trying to say how powerfully and how effectively they had investigated the situation, that they were the investigators in this area, that they were professionals, that they did not want to have their investigation questioned, and they tried to make a claim that they were on the job. The people that they interviewed were Dennis Carlson, Carol Stitt. Dennis Carlson has a lot of experience as an investigator and said, basically, I know a good investigation when I see one and you haven't done it. Have you done this? Have you done this? Have you done this? The answers were all no and it was clear that the only person who was capable of critiquing what they were doing and to see the fact that this was the Emperor claiming that he had clothes on was Dennis Carlson. He was the only one who had the moxie and the knowledge to back the FBI off when they had great claims to professionalism and tried to intimidate people out of expressing any further interest in the investigation or to share the investigative role with anybody else, and Carlson was the one guy who knew his business well enough to call them on it. He is the best guy for the job, and to deny him reappointment while at the same time reappointing others is to effectively disarm the Foster Care Review Board on the Franklin Credit investigation controversy, and that is a shame. I have no explanation for it. None is given but that is the end result of this appointment, and that is the result that I, personally, feel very badly about. I, too, will not be voting because the Governor missed the chance to appoint the best person who was knowledgeable and who is ready to serve and she knew he was ready to serve and she didn't do it. We are asked for our confirmations when the best person for the job is there and willing to do it and we know it. I don't see why we should accept less.