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doesn't the public know about it? There is a time, ladies and gentlemen, when the public is going to say we have had enough. I have said on this floor time after time that in our investigations would go wherever the leads went. We would not cover up for anyone. We would not apologize for anyone. We would not apologize for the work of the committee.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I think Mr. Carlson should have been reappointed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, your light is the last one on.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, I am going to speak once more and I am not going to speak about the appointment in itself. I am going to speak about some of the things we have talked about this morning on the appointment system in general. I am going to introduce a resolution to study or have an interim study on the appointment system as a whole. We pile a lot of appointments onto whomever is Governor. It doesn't make any difference who sits in that Executive Office. That person has a tremendous number of appointments to all these commissions and boards that we set up in various legislative bills. Every one that comes into Committees on Education and Health I swear has another board. So what I am going to do, and I hope a lot of you will join with me in introducing that and making it a study during the rest of this year. One of the things that could have been done a long time ago on the Foster Care Review Board, and, of course, this is after the fact. I understand that hindsight is not very good, but they could change the makeup of that board and maybe we will find out during the study that this would be a good idea, change the makeup of that particular board and maybe others to include the qualifications of at least one board member to be a lawyer. He or she, whomever it would be, would be a lawyer, so that board would have the volunteer services and this Foster Care Review Board does need it, I am sure. A lot of lawyers do the pro bono work and would be pleased to serve on those boards as a volunteer in community and service to the state. So that is all I am going to say. I still say we should confirm Alice Bartels. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, would you like to close, please?