

the revenue bonds of the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. We clarify that the boards of trustees are vested with authority for the general governance of the institutions. In other words, the language that is currently in the Constitution and was interpreted by the Supreme Court in the Exon v. Regents decision will continue in effect. We also decrease because of the concern about the large number of appointments that would be made to these institutional boards of trustees, we reduce the number of members, the appointed boards of trustees from seven down to five. Those are the committee amendments. I think there may be some amendments to the committee amendments. Let's go ahead and discuss those.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion. Senator Warner. Excuse me, amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments is offered by Senator Warner and his amendment is on page 1231 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as you heard Senator Withem explain the committee amendments, he indicated that the committee amendments included the provision for one of the board of trustee memberships to be a student at that institution with full voting rights. As most of you probably are aware, there was a separate bill introduced that was heard before the Education Committee which provided for a student voting right on governing board for institutions of post...well, I guess, I'm not sure how it was introduced, Senator Moore, but I believe it was applied to both the current state colleges and the university system. Well, in any event, it provided the ability for students to have a voting right. It seems to me that that is a separate issue which certainly if the body wishes to place that issue on the ballot for the voters to consider, could be done, but it seems to me that it adds a controversy or combines, at least, two issues into one for the voters in which any change in structure would be one issue, the issue of whether students should be a voting member would be a separate issue or should be a separate issue rather than being combined into one. The amendment I am offering would not change the committee amendments' intent in any way other than it would permit the two issues to be placed in two different voting slots on the ballot, that is there would be the proposed that were