

at all whether students are qualified. They, as a matter of fact, would be eligible just like any other citizen across the state if the Governor chose to make that as an appointment. There is no prohibition whatsoever. But I do feel that the issue is one which on the ballot ought to be treated separately and, as a matter of fact, assuming that 239 gets on the ballot and assuming, for example, that it's not approved but the student voting is approved, that would be a pretty clear indication to the citizens across...in this body that that was a concept that was acceptable. And I would suspect that we would come back and amend, two years from now have an amendment that would simply reflect that that would be again put on the ballot. So I don't view this as suspiciously, I guess, as some do. I certainly do not view it as...as a necessity to have the amendment as it came from the committee to ensure student representation, because they're not prohibited.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: So I would urge that the body would accept this amendment and allow this issue to be placed separately and...because I think that will be an easier way for that issue to be addressed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Let the record note that Senator Korshoj had 34 fourth graders from Oakland-Craig School visiting with us this afternoon, with their teacher. Senator Schimek, would you care to discuss the amendment, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, just for the record, I would like to say that I have been giving Senator Langford a bad time back here because the woman who usually tries to shorten the debate has this afternoon, singlehandedly I think, lengthened the debate by at least 30 or 40 minutes. But, nevertheless, I would like to first address the amendment to the amendment and say that I am not going to support this. I do think the practical implications of such an amendment are that the student Regent issue would have a lesser chance of passage if it were a separate item on the ballot. If we're going to start separating out items, there are a lot of items I would like separated out and have separate vote on, for instance the idea of elected versus appointed Regents, elected versus board of trus...or elected versus appointed board of trustees. There are a lot of...there are a lot of separate items that we could separate. But I would like to go back to