

the board. You effectively do not have any representation if you don't have a vote. Now those were adults talking and I tie that directly to an issue that we have before us now and those that say they have a say because they can speak and they can be there but we don't want to give them the right to vote. And, in fact, ladies and gentlemen, that is no say at all. It's patronizing. It's patronizing. And I look at our young people and part of the problem that we have as adults and maybe it's getting worse and worse or maybe I'm just getting older and older, and I suspect it might be the latter, is that we fail to give our children enough credit. And I will point to you something I have learned and relearned and learned again and had it reemphasized year after year after year our children will do what we ask them to do in regards to responsibility.

SENATOR LABEDZ PRESIDING

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Our problem is we don't ask them and expect enough of them. I will guarantee you if we ask and expect maturity and responsibility, we will get it and you will be amazed. But as you think of whether students can, in fact, do certain things, think of those people who have died. Think of those students who have fought for ideological causes and, believe me, they can make wise, good and difficult decisions. I would also like to comment that even though I have spoken because of some things Senator Langford said, the issue, however, is not whether or not students are going to have the right to vote. The issue is simply when it comes onto the ballot in front of the people, are we going to have two separate sections? So regardless of how you vote on this amendment, it doesn't make any difference, students are going to have the right to vote regardless of which way you go. It's just how is it going to be presented to the public? And that is the nature of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Time is up, Senator. We're voting on the amendment to the committee amendments and Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam Chair and members, again I rise in opposition to basically what amounts to a division because that's what Senator Warner offers in the amendment. Senator Warner, the last time he spoke, mentioned the issue of that there is nothing that prohibits a student from being appointed