

Governor with approval of the majority of the Legislature. So the Legislature would have to approve all of these appointments, and then the terms would be the same and they would be staggered so that you would have...every two years you would have appointments made to the Board of Regents by the Governor. In that way, the theory being that over a period of years you would have the Board of Regents composed of different members appointed by different Governors so there would be some diversity and balance on the board. My understanding again is that the only reason we have the present proposal to have six elected and five appointed is that it was something that the commission thought might sell to the voters of Nebraska. The commission was afraid that if they had all of the members appointed that maybe that wouldn't sell to the public on a vote. They were afraid that if they had all of the members elected, that wasn't going to be feasible or adequate either and so they tried to blend the two concepts together and come up with this six elected member, five appointed member kind of rationale. To me, there is no real logic in having that kind of representation or that kind of hybrid type of board. If, in fact, we are in favor of the concept of having Board of Regent members appointed, then we ought to appoint all of them. And I just used the number eight as what seemed to me to be probably an adequate number who could deal with the responsibilities of a Board of Regents. I don't think we need 11 members and I don't think we need six elected, five appointed. We could maintain the current provisions with respect to having eight members and we would just say that, instead of going through all of the elections and all of the expense and coming up with the kind of narrow parochial interests that are sometimes reflected on the board, that we have all eight members appointed by the Governor. It would seem to me that that would deter some of the parochialism that has occurred in the past on the Board of Regents. Since they would all be appointed, they would reflect and, hopefully, have the concern of the broad state in view, that that would be their primary concern and that you would have a better functioning and a more adequate Board of Regents to carry out its functions. And, for that reason, I think this is an important amendment and an important concept and I think it should be approved because I think if we are in favor of the concept of appointing Board of Regents members, then we should appoint all of them and we shouldn't have this kind of mix or hybrid type of arrangement that is proposed by the current proposal.