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attempting to mold public opinion and trying to show some leadership in convincing people that they ought to change their views. But any public opinion polls I've seen on this question of appointive versus elective is so clear-cut, even during last summer, when the Board of Regents were probably at the nadir of their...nadir, nadir, whatever, of their public approval, people at that time were even saying at that time that they do think they want to retain the right to elect these people. So I think public opinion is very clear on that case. And, for that reason, I would say we ought not to go to an appointive Board of Regents.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're next. But may I introduce a guest in the north balcony. Would you folks please stand so that I may talk about you just a second. Please rise, so you can be welcome by the Legislature. We have 47 students representing their country in Educational Foundation for Foreign Studies, and the students are from all over the world, and our groups are sponsored by several people in Nebraska, from all over Nebraska. (Introduced some of the sponsors.) Would all of you students please stand so that we may recognize you. Thank you for visiting us, we really appreciate it. And the students with them are from all over the world. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator McFarland did mention earlier that he felt things were not being properly debated or things were sliding through, and I don't really think that is the case, though it certainly may be the indication. I think a lot of members, such as myself and others, were voting simply because we felt other amendments would be more applicable to LB 1141. And I suspect at that point there will be further debate on some of those amendments that were talked about, and some of those that were initially withdrawn. But I would like to talk briefly about the amendment that we have before us, because it is a good amendment as far as bringing discussion. And I thought I'd like to shed a little bit of light to members of what happened in the committee process. If you look at your green copy, in fact, what you're going to have in the green copy is that two members would each be elected from the congressional districts. And the committee was thinking, wait a minute now, if it's a nonpaying job, for the most part, who can afford to run in large...particularly in the third congressional district, who can afford to run that