

two elected from each congressional district, it is now you divide each congressional district into two regental, I think I'm pronouncing that right, districts, so you have an even smaller focus of where they are elected. That, to me, continues the problem of parochialism, and a narrow view that would not be conducive to proper coordination of higher education. It seems to me that members on that board should not be focusing on what they can do for the constituency that elected them, in that particular area of the state, the focus should be on what they can do for the entire state as a whole. If they are appointed by the Governor, it seems to me then the voters can express, philosophically, who they wanted to be appointed to the Board of Regents by who they elect as Governor. It seems to me that if we would institute an appointment process for the Board of Regents, as it is done in other states,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...that then higher education would become a more significant issue in Governor's campaigns. And, in effect, you would have Governor's coming forth, and in their debates, and in their public statements saying, if I'm appointed, this is my view of higher education, these are the type of appointments I would make to the Board of Regents, and this is the type of direction I want the Board of Regents to take. So, in effect, the voters would have a voice in the selection process by having a voice of who...by having the voice and the vote on who is elected Governor. I would add one other thing, if we're really against the concept of appointments, then why are we, in LB 1141, suggesting that all of these members of the board of trustees be appointed by the Governor? In effect, we are having, I think it's...now it's five members to each institution on the board of trustees, all being appointed by the Governor,...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...at least 35 appointments by the Governor. I think we really need to consider the appointive process on the Board of Regents as well.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Langford.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it's