

is, to a degree, philosophical. And it is one that has plagued the entire concept of whether a Board of Regents should be elected or appointed for many years, because we've had several proposals on this issue. This amendment would be relatively simple. It would maintain the current level of the Board of Regents at eight voting members. And I realize and I appreciate the distinction that Senator Withem and Senator Warner have made, that this is a completely new board, that is correct. But in my view we don't need 11 members on a new board, particularly 11 voting members with half of them appointed and half of them elected. We, as a Legislature, and we, as a state, need to really consider the concept of whether or not it would be best to have all elected members, or all appointed members. You may notice that the previous amendment that I had filed and that I have not...have withdrawn would have called for all of the members being elected. My thought in introducing that amendment was to say, hey, if we really favor this concept of elected Board of Regents, then we ought to elect them all, and to maintain the idea that they would represent the broader interests of the state rather than the narrow interests of a particular district that elects them, the proposal was to elect them on a statewide basis. There are some problems with that. And one of my reasons for withdrawing that amendment is that it is difficult to campaign statewide. And for any regent who wants to serve at a job that, or a position that would have no real salary to it, there would be a difficulty of spending dollars to campaign statewide. To me, since this job is one where the statewide interests need to be considered, I think philosophically the appointed board makes sense. And, quite frankly, I think, if this were not going to be submitted to the voters for approval, that probably the majority of the people in the Legislature would be in favor of an appointed board. But because of the fear that, if we made it an appointed board, that this entire amendment might not be approved, we're willing to compromise on the issue and have a mixture or a hybrid type of form of board of regents. I don't think that is necessary. I don't think it makes very much sense to have six members elected and five appointed. That is just really...seems to me to be a product of political considerations rather than really governance considerations that could...that should be the primary reason for determining how these Board of Regents members are selected. I think that an appointed board makes sense. I think it would be spaced out over a period of time, since they would be staggered appointments. I think that the Governor's have the, if they were given the discretion and