

authority to do so, would make excellent appointments, as they do in other states. And I think that it would be beneficial for the entire governance of higher education and the coordination of higher education to have the Board of Regents appointed. And, for that reason, I think this amendment is a good one, I think that it would elevate the gubernatorial contest by focusing more on higher education, because I think one thing people would want to consider as a very important issue would be, if we elect this person Governor, who is he or she going to appoint to the Board of Regents.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: And I think that is the way the voters would have a say, indirectly, on the issue of who, in fact, is appointed to the Board of Regents, who serves on the Board of Regents. And, for that reason, I would urge you to consider and vote for this amendment which would require an appointed Board of Regents, rather than the mixture of half...six elected and five appointed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Simple majority. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 1 aye, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the committee amendment fails. Do you have any more, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have your AM2946 in front of me, 2946. (McFarland amendment is on page 1301 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you very much. This is more of a technical and clarifying amendment, and it isn't the type of philosophical amendment that was considered in the previous ones I've introduced. Some concern has been raised about the language in the LR 239, itself. As I understand it, the initial appointments by the Governor to the Board of Regents would have to be approved by the Legislature. And that is fairly clear in the language of the amendment itself. A question was raised,