

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, you're next.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you. Senator Warner is correct, and I apologize to the body for the way this amendment was drafted. I had requested Thursday that this amendment be drafted. I did not get them until this morning, and now that I have a chance to look at it, it does not accomplish my intent, because the way they have...the way it has been drafted is to insert it in line 8 of the particular bill. And Senator Warner is exactly correct, the way that language would read would only allow the three members appointed from the current Board of Regents to be approved by the Legislature. What I would like to do is have all of the initial six members approved by the Legislature, and it should be redrafted to express that. And I didn't get...I got this at about eight-forty-five today as I was going to the floor of the Legislature, so I wasn't able to look at the exact language and how the bill drafters had phrased it. So I'll just withdraw the amendment, and I will offer it on Select File.

PRESIDENT: Okay, it is withdrawn. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next thing I have is a motion from Senator Moore. Excuse me, the next thing that we have before us is the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Committee amendments. Senator Withem, do you wish to speak about those now?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I will. First of all, I'd like to thank Senator McFarland for conceding that there will be a Select File on this bill. Sometimes I'm not quite so sure of that, but I'm pleased he is. Committee amendments, we did explain them the other day. I believe that they have...nothing has been amended to them. They are...No, they're not clarification in nature, so maybe I should just run back through the brief explanation as is in your bill book. They clarify the effective date of when the new boards and the interim powers of the Board of Regents. They change...There still will be, with the committee amendments adopted, there will...still will be six Board of Regents elected, but instead of running by full congressional districts, they will run in six districts created by the Legislature. There are some concerns about political party