

board of regents would probably distribute those funds according to the Legislature's recommendations. There may be one or two occasions, or three occasions every so often where they may not follow the Legislature's wishes exactly. But I think they need that discretion in order to retain some kind of control. And, if they don't have that discretion, then that weakens the process, that weakens the entire reason that we're trying to have this new system in place. I would ask you to support this amendment. I think, again, it is an essential amendment, if we're going to have a fully functioning system.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: I don't think we want the Legislature of Nebraska to be an, in effect, a super board of regents composed of 49 members who are making decisions about the coordina...the final decisions about the coordination and governance of higher education. That is the whole function of the board of regents. The board of regents, at the present time, is supposed to have that authority. The board of regents, under the new system, is supposed to have that authority. And, unless we enact this type of provision, I think we really, again, abrogate the responsibility and the coordination authority that I think should rightly belong with the board of regents. For that reason I'd ask you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Do you have anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland, I now have your AM2934, Senator. (Amendment appears on page 1313 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The call is raised. Senator McFarland.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you. I've proposed two amendments, one would establish a nine member board of regents to be elected on a statewide ballot. The other one would establish a nine member board of regents to be appointed by the Governor, having