

or supervisors, you have have the cemetery boards, you have the county fair boards, you have the state fair boards, you have rural fire districts, many of these people can fill these offices to very good purpose. Many of them maybe only meet annually or semi-annually. To discuss business of a cemetery, for example, usually only requires an annual meeting to conduct annual business and such as that. And finding enough people willing to serve is difficult and we really need to clarify this and I certainly support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please, the committee amendments.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I stand, too, to support this legislation. At one point, I think there was some talk about limiting it to counties outside of Douglas and Lancaster and I think that that possibility has been discarded. I think rightly so. But when you get into especially the area that I live with the declining population and the increased demand for membership on different boards and committees, you finally run out of people and I think it's just absolutely essential that we allow this legislation to go forward to provide quality people on these boards. And we had limited that and I think that's unfortunate. So I support this legislation and I hope you will, too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Withem and Senator Coordsen. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: As a member of the Government Committee, when I heard all the lights were on I thought there was going to be more critical attention given to the bill perhaps and I was just going to speak in support of it. I think it is...we did wrestle with this idea. The potential problem of individuals serving on more than two or three or four boards, I don't think is a real practical concern because people just don't get elected to those sorts of positions. What happens...is happening in our state in many areas are that you will see some people who tend to be community activists in communities, who are the type of people that will get elected to serve on a county board of commissioners or a city council, also will be serving on some of these other positions. Technically, that's illegal and if we don't change the law, (a), we're going to have a lot of people serving illegally and a lot of their actions be brought into question. And, secondly, we're just not going to have enough