

not knowing anything? That's what we're saying. In this article that Jim McFarland handed out from the World-Herald there is two things that I'd like to point out to you. The World-Herald poll last August said that most...81 percent of the people that they polled in Nebraska said they'd rather have elected regents than appointed. The second thing, one of the people who was interviewed, a Marian Gade, who was one of the people that wrote "The Guardians: Boards of Trustees of American Colleges and Universities," is quoted saying in a telephone interview from Berkeley, a wide range of skills including scholarship, organizational ability and financial expertise is required for a good board of trustees. Elections generally don't provide that rich mixture. Well, let me analyze the current Board of Regents for you. We have a woman who runs her own business very successfully. We have a woman who is a lawyer in Omaha who is very successful. We have a former banker. We have another woman who has been very active in business and other organizations in the state and has been a political figure for many years. We have a dentist who was a football player, but was also an academic all-American. We have a lawyer who has a good reputation in the Bar Association, done wonderful work in his area. We have another man who is a very successful businessman. I know wherever I speak about him, he is very successful. We have another dentist. I don't know why dentists like to be on regents, but at any rate, he has done very well too and he has been very active in his community and in the state and in a political way. What more do you want? I mean, I cannot see how you could appoint people that would be more of a mix from the point of view of being expert in the financial field and scholarship, that's all there. So even though I really don't want this to be on the ballot, probably I'll vote for it and I thank Senator Schimek for bringing it because I go back to what I've said many times before. I still like people to be elected rather than appointed. I think that the State College Board should be elected too. I don't like that appointment and I especially don't like that super board over all of them, that Coordinating Commission, and I noticed that the Attorney General has issued an opinion that some of 1141 is suspect because...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...of the appointment procedures and mechanisms that are in there now. So, I guess I'll hang in with you, Senator Schimek. Thank you.