

the language on page 6 that says no more than three members...three of the members initially appointed to each board of trustees shall be of the same political party. Well, that roused my curiosity and I went back and looked at the part regarding the Board of Regents and I find the same kind of language on page 3 where it says, "no more than three of the members initially appointed shall be of the same political party." So, basically, the language is the same, and that's the top of page 3, lines 3 and 4 and 5. I just asked Senator Withem if I could borrow one of his forms for filing a motion and he said, well, not if you're going to file on a motion...or file a motion on my bill. I said, well, maybe you can explain why the language was added in here in this respect and maybe I won't have to file an amendment. It seems to me that it should say "no more than three of the appointed members to each board of trustees shall be of the same political party", so that it's a permanent kind of thing. But, Senator Withem, could you explain the intent here, please?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Schimek. As I was explaining here privately, I'd be happy to explain publicly. The original discussion we had about is there a need for party restrictions, initially, I think it was my feeling, and perhaps Senator Warner can speak for himself but as I remember his that we really weren't all that concerned; that whether you have all democrats or all republicans on a Board of Regents really doesn't make a lot of difference. But because there is this concern out there about the initial Governor, when this passes, having...being able to appoint all of these people, that maybe initially there should be this restriction so that a single Governor would not be able to pack things. But we really didn't have that concern as things went on. We felt it best that the Governor have the authority to appoint any and all people that that Governor felt were the most capable of serving on the board and we weren't really as hung up on the political party affiliation as some people may have been.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Withem, then let me follow up with a question. Being fairly familiar with the appointment process and the requirements for a number of the boards and commissions for which the Governor makes appointments, I know that that is a stipulation in a good number, and I have no idea how many or what percentage, but a number of those boards and commissions do have that kind of stipulation in them and I guess I'd be interested in knowing if this is a normal practice to put the