

fails, I mean, I'll let well enough alone and leave the bill the way it is. But I do want to remind people that the whole concept of students voting on these governing boards is nothing new; happens all over the nation. As a matter of fact, there are 63 governing boards nationwide where the students have a vote, and these aren't exactly "Podunk U." either. I mean you start with the Florida Board of Regents, the entire university system, students get a vote. In Indiana, you know, Ball State University, Indiana State, Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana, all those institutions just like in the bill that Senator Chambers now wants to amend, LR 239, the students get a vote. Kentucky, the University of Kentucky, Louisville, Eastern Kentucky, Louisiana Board of Regents, Minnesota Board of Regents, Montana Board of Regents, Pennsylvania Board of Governors, the Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania State University, on down the line this concept is something that is tried and true, that has worked. I think it's something that really should be embodied in the entire LR 239. For that reason, I will support Senator Chamber's amendment. Some people will say that, well, the students don't care about their government down there. I know that was some of the things that was raised on General File. I think some of those words may have come back to haunt a few people here, but nevertheless someone accused the students of, you know, not voting well for the University. I'm here to tell you that since that time in the election of students that the University of Nebraska at Lincoln had in the last month, they had the largest turnout they've had in 12 years. Part of that was probably spurned by the discussion we had down here. So I think it's time that we give the students some due and, I mean, I prefer to have it adopted with Senator Chambers' amendment. Obviously, if that is unsuccessful, I will continue to vote on LR 239 because, one, it's a step in the right direction and, two, even though the student vote is separate, it's still a statement by this body that we at least recognize that they deserve the right to be heard as voting members of these board of trustees. With that, I urge the adoption of the Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Senator Chambers, on your amendment, followed by Senators Ashford and Hall.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, especially those who might be opposed to this idea, what we tried to do with the whole education system is prepare young people to take a place in the real world and assume