

and informed debate, which position the student representative ought to take on behalf of the student body. Without a vote, everything seems to be like playing house. You can dress like your mother or your father, as the case may be. You can wear high heels or a sport jacket, as the case may be. You can put a pipe in your head with no tobacco in it. You can have a key to a car but no car with an ignition in which to put the key and turn it. So...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..you play act as though you're an adult. That can be somewhat demeaning to young people who so much of the time hear us talking about they're the future and they're the hope for tomorrow. If they're going to be truly the hope for tomorrow, we have to give them the opportunity to assume some responsibilities today. And I don't think that any situation in this country where voting is required that matters would be made worse by allowing younger people to vote, especially when it is in an area pertaining to their direct interests. So I hope you will see this as a serious amendment. I appreciate the fact that Senator Moore spoke for it. I hope others will so that it is clear that those of us who want to place responsibilities and duties on young people are willing to allow them to assume the responsibility and the power, if you will,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..of a meaningful vote.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise in strong support of the Chambers amendment. I am also a supporter of LR 239. I've been listening, trying to listen to reasons why or understand a reason why a student shouldn't have a vote on the board of trustees, especially after the restructuring takes place and we have the several boards of trustees for the several institutions. This fall, I had the opportunity to conduct a leadership conference of students at Creighton University and I don't believe Creighton University has that particular benefit where the students are...they do serve on governing boards, I believe, but don't have a vote. But one of the things that was interesting to me, what we did is we set up real life situations