

or any of these other sorts of restrictions on it that we could put in; that if the Governor feels comfortable with appointing people of all one political party, I don't see a particular problem with that. Obviously, people in the Legislature, some members, may feel the opposite that there is a concern that there may be only one point of view expressed, that they are all parts of one political party. My feeling is if the Governor appoints people of one political party and they make horrendously bad decisions, the Governor will suffer for that and the Governor will pay the price for that, and that is the way the political system should operate. But if there is a concern about wanting to make sure that these boards are balanced in a political fashion, then you ought to vote for the Schimek amendment. I will not be doing so but I can certainly understand why a significant number of the body may choose to support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I hope that Senator Withem will maintain an open mind on this issue as I did when Senator Lamb brought a motion this morning I had said I wouldn't vote on it. I listened to what he said, and I wound up voting for it. So I hope maybe something can be said that will persuade Senator Withem. He had indicated that if a Governor should happen to appoint all members of the board from the Governor's party and horrendous decisions are made, the Governor will suffer. But who really suffers? We are not interested in just trying to get at the Governor. This paper that Senator Withem handed out headed, titled, "Boards of Trustees, What Do They Really Do?", the first comment is Boards of Trustees govern the institutions. They serve as guardians of the institution where they guard and care for...then it lists various items that they are to do. If there were a political set of appointments made to a Board of Trustees or several of them by a Governor who is not conversant with the needs of education and the types of people who ought to be on these boards, irrespective of political parties, we could wind up with a situation where, for the period of time that these people are appointed, horrendous decisions can be made, and the ones to suffer will be the institutions, the faculty members and teachers who work there, and the students who attend. So we need, in this real world, some measure of check and balance whenever we are talking about political appointments and that is what these will be. We would hope that in the realm of higher