

appoint somebody from another political party. It causes no harm, and the old argument that you really should take the best person possible doesn't hold a lot of water with me because I think we have many good people in this state who could serve on either of these boards and maybe they might have to wait a couple of years down the road if their particular political party has already got a number of appointments, but I am sure that we could find good people to serve on both of these, or all of these boards, I should say, and without being particularly harmed by the political party provision. It does help add balance and it would not be burdensome, I don't believe, to the Governor making those appointments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, and members, I think the Agriculture Committee this last session had a taste of what happens when a checkoff, or in this case a checkoff board which is appointed by the Governor, becomes too heavily stacked with one direction or another, and, Senator Chambers, you being a member of that Agriculture Committee, I don't know if you were there the day we had the hearing on the Wheat Board, but there were some concerns that we were having too many of one party, from one philosophical belief, stacking the Wheat Board, and whether you are for or against that particular issue, I think it is prudent that we try and keep these as equal representation on the boards based upon philosophy or party identification as possible. So I plan on supporting the Schimek amendment. I think that it is wise to try and not see the mind-set of one group come in and take over the board and set it in a different direction than what the previous group might have did under a different administration. So this would, hopefully, keep an equal balance.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I repeat, the only, the two boards I can think of that the Governor appoints that deal with education, which is the Coordinating Commission, and the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, neither of those boards have a requirement for half representation from...or at least no more than half, rather, from one political party, and to argue that there is more philosophical difference between the parties as there is within a party is somewhat unrealistic because I would