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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Just call the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, may I ask you a question? Did you wish to speak more than just closing? Yours is the only one other than Senator McFarland, but his light is ahead of yours. Is that agreeable with you, Senator McFarland?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: That is fine.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your motion, please, on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, Senator Warner, the difference between these appointments by the Governor and our being members of the Legislature, we are elected. The Constitution establishes those qualifiers that will enable a person to run for this office. We are not talking about a person being elected to an office now. We are talking about appointments. When the Legislature is going to establish laws for carrying out the requirements of running for the Legislature, it can talk about what you have to do to file for the office, all of those statutory requirements that are in place in order for you to meet the requirements to actually make yourself an eligible candidate. So there are minimum requirements which cannot be enlarged upon as far as those basics like your age, your residency, and things like that. But there are other requirements that are placed by statute on every office if a person wants to run for it, regardless of what the Constitution says. So in this instance, we are not talking about changing the nature of the position. What we are saying is that the Legislature has the right to set up some requirements in terms of the type of district, if there turns out to be one, from which this person will run. I have not seen in the Constitution an authorization for the Legislature to establish district election or at large election as a means for selecting people for these various positions. But if it is not prohibited, we can do it, and we, as a Legislature, can do what this language is attempting to do. But if you choose not to strike it, there ought to be something that would make it more clear than what it is now, and it will be a