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not the kind of problem that could not be readily addressed next session and remove any doubt in the future, other than in those cases where the confirmation is required by the Constitution. I don't frankly recall if there are, but if there are, that would have to be a different situation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, through the years that I've been able to serve in the Legislature, I've been somewhat amazed and somewhat shocked at our system in approving appointees. I'm not so naive to know that that goes along with part of the political game and so on. But I've never, in my time, experienced... I know we had some in Education Committee, a year or so ago, that we were in the same position as we are now, we were not comfortable with at all, but we had really no reason to deny the appointment. I think the Legislature is not necessarily doing their duty by not checking on, doing a little more background work, or being comfortable with some experience to appointments of some of these committees. I don't care whether you take the ETV board, or the highway programs, very important to us now, or anything that affects a great number of people in our state. I think what we are seeing is we are seeing a number of appointments that they may or may not necessarily be qualified. I think that we need to do some type of system, or maybe we just need to get our backbone up a little bit better and not just automatically rubber-stamp all of these appointments, because they do serve for a long length of time. I'm not talking about any one individual or any one person, but it has bothered me for some time that we're not necessarily fulfilling our legislative duty in rubber-stamping all of these appointments, and with that, I just simply want it in the record. I'm not complaining about any certain individual or any certain one of these appointments, but it does bother me because of the importance of these positions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please. Senator Nelson, you were finished, weren't you? Yeah, okay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, it was kind of a slow morning here, at least it looked like it was going to be. But let me just run a couple of things by you. Number one, Senator Chambers says we cannot take action during a special session on appointments. Number two, there is a general