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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, at this time I would simply move the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. I will...thank you, Senator Coordsen. I will now recognize Senator Warner, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose the adoption of the amendment. There's another option that levels the field, which I don't believe I've heard mentioned. That, of course, is to require a member of the Legislature to resign if they choose to run midterm, as senators have exercised, or could exercise. I remember in 1965 reapportionment, there was a special, court-ordered reapportionment. It was also the time in which we were getting ready for four-year terms for Governor and the other state constitutional officers, because it had been approved, and the election of 1966 was when we went from two to four years. It was also the time that we went from 43 to 49 members of the Legislature. I remember very clearly that there was a great deal of interest, if the number of your legislative district was even or odd, because if you were odd, you were eligible to run for another office without resigning. I have an odd numbered district. I've never ran, although in 1966 I had a petition filed. I had nothing to do with it, by the way. Only took 25 names to file you for another office in those days. And a group of people...and it's a long story which I won't tell, but I ended up with that petition being signed with 400 names for me to be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket in 1966, and I had 10 days to reject or accept. And I opted to reject because, frankly, if I had...I...there was no place I could serve in elected office than I'd rather serve than here, because it's a privilege that I think is greater than any of the others. But, frankly, I would be of the opinion, if you want to level the field, level it by requiring those in midterms to resign. I think that's a much better option than to open it up that you could run for two offices. Those who have done as Senator Johnson opted to do made the choice. I really think that the public policy ought to be that the first responsibility is for the voters to make this selection for replacement, not by appointment. And I think it would be poor public policy. I appreciate that you are accommodating those individuals who have