

on. But it doesn't give the treasurer any authority over the funds. So I don't see the point of it at this time. In all honesty, if we still had a Republican as State Treasurer, and somebody brought this bill, I might vote for it. But in all honesty, Senator Schimek, if we still had a Republican as State Treasurer, would you bring the bill? Will you yield and answer that?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek, would you respond.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Most certainly, Senator Crosby, I would yield and most certainly I would bring the bill. One of the things that I said to the committee is either we abolish it, or we give the State Treasurer something to do, for heaven's sake.

SENATOR CROSBY: But you see, that still isn't. So thank you very much. You were honest about it, I'm sure. So I may vote red, and it's a friendly red. I'm trying to be friendly about it, but I still think that the treasurer's office is redundant. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess Senator Schimek actually stated a comment I was thinking about. And, Senator Crosby, if it makes you feel any better, I think Senator Schimek just stated that we need to give the treasurer something to do rather than nothing at all, which implies the State Treasurer doesn't do anything at all, which is what you wanted to abolish, I think, in the first place. So maybe there is some justification for your bill. I guess my point, and Senator Schimek can respond I think on her own time when she closes, my own point is that even in my area we have some difficulty on representation on certain boards. And the idea is that we want to have input. And I guess in this particular case I asked myself a couple of questions, you know, is the Investment Council, are the meetings open? Can the State Treasurer go and listen at any time? Can the State Treasurer call anybody on state business during state time, and ask questions and get input? Can people go to the State Treasurer and ask for information and input? And, if the answer to those questions, which I think are yes, then you have to ask yourself, what does it do to allow us to have another position that simply doesn't have any voting. It's very similar to I think Senator