

Hall's bill which was taken off of consent calendar, by the way. It's very similar to Senator Hall's bill that says we have an Appropriations Committee Chairman that is an ex officio member on an Exec Board, and why should we have that. And I think we need to be consistent, if we're concerned about ex officio on the one side, we should be equally as concerned as ex officio on this particular side. And I question whether this bill is really...if this bill is actu...if this bill is necessary. And, at this point, I will not be supporting LB 368.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the bill? Seeing no one, Senator Schimek, do you wish to close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I mean, so much sound and fury about really a simple little bill that would just give the State Treasurer better communication with the Investment Council. I did not mean to imply, Senator Crosby or Senator Bernard-Stevens, that the State Treasurer has nothing to do. It's just that over the years there has been all this talk about doing away with the State Treasurer's office, and meanwhile many of the functions of that office were eroded. I, personally think that we need an elected State Treasurer. I, personally, think that it's an important function, and I would like to see it enhanced. This certainly doesn't do anything in a big deal way, it just simply improves the communication. And I really guess I'm having trouble understanding what all the fuss is all about. I'd ask you to advance this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing. All those in favor of the advancement of LB 368 vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the advancement of LB 368. Have you all voted? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, this may be the bill that we break on. I guess we'll have to have a call of the house and call in votes.

SPEAKER BAACK: We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.