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PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Do you have further amendments?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, I do, Madam President. The next amendment is also from Senator Schimek. This is AM0952, Senator (Schimek amendment appears on page 1330 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the amendment is on your desk. It is number 0952 and this is the amendment that will prohibit a member of the State Election Board from engaging in activity that is political in nature, lobbying, being a public official, a public employee, a state election official or campaigning for the election or appointment of himself or herself to elective office, and also holding an office in any political party such as a state central committee, being a delegate to national convention. The appointed member must either withdraw from those activities before appointment to the board or cannot hold such office. Now this language is also taken from the accountability and disclosure language and I don't think anybody would argue with the fact that the Accountability and Disclosure Commission throughout the years, whether you agree with their decisions or not, has never been accused of being a political body. It has always been a body that was well balanced and of a nonpartisan nature. So I think it would be very important on a State Election Board to adopt language similar to this that would also prohibit those kinds of political activities that might be seen as influential on the board's decisions. I hope that you will agree with me and attach this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak on this issue. Unless anyone indicates otherwise, I will go to Senator Wehrbein. I believe you put your light on after this was brought up.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam President, members, I really want a clarification that is probably technical, Senator Schimek. It really doesn't say that you couldn't be one, in one of these positions that is prohibited and then resign after being appointed. In other words, you could be state chairman, and if