

Democrats, the Democrats would have the unfair advantage because they had the two secretaries that are running the office. I was agreeing with your point entirely on who would wield the power in such a situation.

SENATOR CROSBY: You're learning that I'm the only one that listens to you. (laugh)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Withem, your light is on. Did you wish to discuss this further? Seeing no further lights on, Senator Schimek, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, I think I'll withdraw the amendment and see that we come back to revisit this issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment is simply a conforming amendment. It would delete the words "and the member of the board registered as an Independent shall have been so registered for at least five years prior to his or her appointment to the board." Since we've deleted the requirement that there be an Independent on the board, that language is inconsistent with the previous action and, therefore, should be removed. I have spoken with Senator Warner. I believe he agrees that the language should be stricken. With that, I'd move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Warner, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have no objection to that. I was having another amendment prepared where at least one member would be independent and the requirement for the two years could be attached to a part of that amendment so it is not needed here. So I would agree that this is a corrective amendment and should be adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham, the Clerk has brought it to