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that if we're going to look at one of these boards like this in this fashion and we're going to try to micromanage one of these boards, then we'd better look at all the boards and, in fact, we are going to look at all the boards and the commissions this summer on a variety of questions. I don't believe this is probably an appropriate thing for us to do at this time. And I would hope that Senator Baker would withdraw his amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, if Senator Baker would yield to a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Baker, as I read your amendment and as I have read the rest of the bill, it is my belief that the provisions of your amendment would be entirely independent from any other provisions in the bill.

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: And that for all purposes, that your amendment can stand separate from the other provisions of the bill, doesn't affect them at all.

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct also.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. And then, Senator Baker, I'm assuming that if the amendment is adopted, you would vote for the bill, but if the amendment isn't adopted, you would still vote for the bill...

SENATOR BAKER: That is....

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...the adoption of the amendment is not critical to your support of the bill.

SENATOR BAKER: That is correct also.