

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I was so impressed with another of Senator Johnson's heart of heart talks.

PRESIDENT: May we have just a moment, Senator. (Gavel.) Quiet down the conversation in the room, please. (Gavel.) Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: He convinced me that this is a good constitutional amendment. Really he did. He did a beautiful job. Now the amendment says that the Governor shall also appoint the state board of education because they are elected and Senator Johnson's arguments are very well taken. Who knows who is on the state board of education. It is a very, very important position. It has a direct result on every citizen as does the board of regents. So, using Senator Johnson's rationale, we should also include the state board of education. Now you are going to say maybe that this special committee that was appointed by the Governor didn't study the issue. Well, why weren't they given the charge should we elect the members of the state board of education? If all of the opponents arguments are correct and factual, then you should also apply them to appointing the state board of education. Let's let the citizens decide on that. So let's make a bad bill into a halfway good bill by putting this before the voters and see if they would like to do this also. So the amendment says there will be two things on the ballot, the opponents of 32 to appoint the board of regents, and it also appear to give the citizens their choice, as Senator Beutler, and Senator Johnson, and Senator Landis all say, of whether we should not also appoint the board of education. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would ask for a ruling on the germaneness of the amendment from the Chair. As I understand the bill we are talking about the board of regents and the University of Nebraska. We are not talking about other systems in this state. It deals with other sections of the statutes. It doesn't go to the