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SENATOR HABERMAN: No, but what I'm saying is their arguments that it isn't germane...Oh, okay. I know how you are going to rule. But I...

PRESIDENT: How do you know that, Senator? I'm the mysterious presiding officer up here. The Chair is ready to rule on the point of germaneness. The Chair rules that Senator Haberman's offered amendment is not germane because it is in a separate section of the same area of the Constitution, a separate section, unlike the statutory proposal that Senator Haberman just mentioned. Okay. We return to the bill...the resolution. Motion is to advance the resolution right now, which is debatable. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me make a couple of quick comments to supplement what I said earlier, Mr. President. I know there are a number that want to speak on the merits of LR 32. In response to what Senator Hefner argued earlier, quite skillfully as Senator Johnson pointed out, about the fact this takes away a vote of the people, what this does is it gives the people an opportunity to make that decision themselves. Now we've done some research on this issue in our office. As far as we can tell the Constitution of the State of Nebraska has always provided that the regents be elected. When the first Constitution was presented to the voters as an entire document, in the Nineteenth Century, it had the elected provision in it. Then when we rewrote the Constitution, in 1920, and presented that to the voters for ratification it provided for the election of members of the board of regents. Since 1920 the voters have not even had an opportunity to turn down a suggested proposal that the board of regents be elected. And never in the history of the State of Nebraska have the voters ever had an opportunity to choose between an appointed provision and an elected provision, as they would be able to if this were put on the ballot. So I think, after 64 years, it is certainly appropriate to allow the voters to have an opportunity to choose whether or not they prefer that the University system be governed by appointed rather than elected individuals. Now I'm sure some of you are worried about football. You know we have a very, very good football team. How is that going to be affected if we change the structure of the board of regents? Now let me remind you that in the great days of