

are making about this appointed process would be the fact that you have the opportunity to appoint people that may not be willing to run for office. The trials and tribulations of running for office are something many of us are familiar with. Obviously all of us in the Legislature and others across this state have done that and they know it's not an easy thing to do. And so some people, particularly in the business community may not want to take on the task of running for office, but would be outstanding members of the Board of Regents. I'm thinking particularly let's say Willis Strauss. Willis Strauss headed up the commission that recommended this proposal. He is an outstanding businessman head of InterNorth and I don't particularly think Willis would ever think about running for an office. I don't know that that would be something he'd ever consider, but I think that maybe if a Governor talked to him and said, we need you on the Board of Regents, he might be an individual that would consider an appointive position like that and he would do an outstanding job in that capacity. So what I am saying is, you get the opportunity to select some people through this that you would not be able to see in an elective process. Also the question of what loyalties lie where is another concern. Appointed regents would tend to be perhaps a little closer to the institution and perhaps more nurturing in their attitude, less concerned perhaps with some of the whims of the day in terms of public opinion which may concern some people, but at the same time, if you're interested in maintaining a strong institution, an appointive board in most cases is the route we've taken as the precedent has been there to take this action and the reason is that those institutions need people that are dedicated to serving them to looking out for their best interests and keeping their long-range concerns in mind. And so my point is that in the best interests of the university and the university system it would seem to me that an appointive board would perhaps be more responsive to their concerns and so I would support this resolution and ask your support as well.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Vickers, please, followed by Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I support this resolution and I do so not from the perspective of saying there is anything necessarily wrong with the current system as pointed out by some others this morning that we'd ought