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we've had in this Legislature a number of times; Senator Withem, Senator David Bernard-Stevens, and I know there were others, and we wanted to make it clear that we think that's okay and they are not members of the executive branch. They do not have a direct conflict in doing that. That would apply to all the other subdivisions that Senator McDonald mentioned. Now, since I didn't hear all of your comments, do you have any questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schimek, my concern lies a lot within senior administrative positions, and I'm not convinced that the Board of Regents are not considered, in a technical sense, a political subdivision of the state.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, they are an agency of the state and they are not a political subdivision. A political...I mean that is my understanding of it anyway, Senator Smith, they are not a political subdivision. This would not apply. The Board of Regents is an elected body anyway, so we already have statutes that govern that. They can't run for the Legislature.

SENATOR SMITH: Exactly, that the Board of Regents, given the fact that they are an elected body, to me would be a political subdivision of the state, and they are not just another agency.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But they are another agency.

SENATOR SMITH: But they are not a typical agency, I guess I should say, because they are elected on a subdivided basis, and I think that the language of this constitutional amendment is pretty vague.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, they are different from a school board, for instance, or an NRD district, for instance.

SENATOR SMITH: How are they different?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, because they don't...they aren't part of