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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I have nothing against the resolution. In fact, I would support it if we take point #4 out. As you remember, Senator Newell has tried that kind of amendment several times now on the floor. It was unsuccessful. I think we should leave it to the university to award according to their system and we cannot now in this resolution again, after Senator Newell's amendments fail, we cannot ask in this resolution to the Board of Regents that they pay a straight 7% for every permanent faculty members. It is just contrary to the bills as we have passed them, therefore, I would ask Senator Johnson maybe to take point #4 out. After we pass the budget bill, Senator Johnson, there is just no way to keep that in.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question or two. Are you familiar with the effort that the Board of Regents has already been working on for a number of years? For instance, they have faculty members who are designated as Board of Regents professors. How extensive is this and how far-reaching have you considered it?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Rumery, I am not familiar with the designation of faculty members as university or Regent professors so I really can't comment as to how extensive or lack of extensiveness it is.

SENATOR RUMERY: Well I don't know how long it has been in effect but I am sure it has been many years but I do not know the number of faculty members that attain this category each year. But my point is that the Board of Regents is already doing something.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I do think, Senator Rumery, that the Board probably is doing something. I think that what we intend by this resolution to do is to encourage them to do more and of course we do realize that what we say is not binding on the board but it is our own intent.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Johnson.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, will you respond?