

a lay person to a committee or a board or a commission, they are very often adversarial. My reason for wanting a lay person on the Real Estate Board Commission, on the Board of Abstracters and on every commission and board is so they will be an advocate. And maybe it is when those people become advocates for the public interest that my good friend thinks they are being adversarial. I know some people think Marge Higgins is adversarial when she advocates something that they disagree with. But that is the real purpose to have a layman on any board or commission. They are the ones that are supposed to be the advocates for the people as opposed to for the good old boys that are all realtors, all abstracters, all title insurance and all hang together. That is why I like to see a lay person on there. That is why I have to trust the Governor and all future governors to pick somebody of average or above average intelligence that will be able to learn what is on that board. And I go back again and again and I say, Dan Lynch probably didn't know a heck of a lot about some of the 715 things that we are going to be discussing this year, or Gary Hannibal who is in the construction business, what does he know about Medicaid? But they are both knowledgeable men able to learn. If you go with the idea that you have to be licensed in a particular field to serve on that board, then everybody that is not an attorney better get out of this Legislature right now because you are too stupid to learn how to write the laws. So again for the benefit of my good friend, Senator Schmit, who I wish would come back, I am a hundred percent in favor of a lay person. He doesn't have to be knowledgeable about real estate, just above average intelligence or average intelligence. And as I said before, don't let's confuse the difference between an adversarial person and one who is an advocate for the people, and that is what this lay person is, an advocate that is looking out for the rights of the people to make sure that the rest of the members of the board who all belong to one group or one association aren't looking out just for their own profession and not the public interest. Thank you, Senators.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on this amendment? Senator Beutler, you are entitled to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, once again what the amendment does is to simply require that the member of the board who is to be the representative of the public would be required to be