

there is any good argument to use that these people should be appointed for another reason. You are taking the right away from the local citizens to vote on who they want to be their board of regents. So Senator Hoagland will probably get up and say all we're doing, Senator Haberman and members of the body, is to let the citizens make the choice. That is all we want to do is put it on the ballot and let them make the choice. Well, then, Senator Hoagland, I'm going to answer you by saying let's do the same thing on appointing judges. Let's do the same thing on a lot of issues where we make the decision instead of the citizens. Let's let the citizens do it by constitutional amendment on 662, on the seat belts. Let's take these issues and make them a constitutional amendment and let the citizen vote. That isn't our job we've heard this floor say. We have to make hard decisions. Let's make a hard decision and keep the authority here and do not make a constitutional amendment to have that we elect board of regents. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner. I will take it upon myself to raise the call because we did get the members in for the debate. The Chair now recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I hate to put a kill motion on this bill, but I thought it was necessary. I feel very strongly that we do not want to appoint our regents in Nebraska. I feel what we are doing here is we are taking away the right of the people, the right of the people to elect the University of Nebraska Regents. We are taking away a vote of the people, that is what we are doing. The 19th District, the district that I represent, is in northeast Nebraska. So I have an opportunity to visit, from time to time, with some South Dakotans and with some Iowans. Both states, both states appoint their regents. The governor appoints them in these states. I have visited with some of these people on this issue. I have also received some letters and some telephone calls from people in regards to LR 32. All of them have asked me to oppose this resolution. The reason why is because it isn't working in these states where they are appointing these regents. I would just like to read part of one letter that I received just the other day and quote from this letter. It is from a South Dakotan. "The one issue that I see that upsets many of South Dakotans is the direct rule of Governor Janklow over the appointed board of