

be realists. How many boards and commissions do we have already that governors get to appoint? I think that is enough political patronage. I think the board of regents should be, as they are now, elected by the people. If the people don't like them, they can throw them out. But what can they do with appointees? Just live with them for as long as that governor wants to keep them. The guy that is appointed, whose going to pull his strings? Again, I'm not saying this because of Bob Kerrey. I'd say the same thing if Charlie Thone was governor. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Higgins. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman, and then Senator Barrett.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I was so pleased, so pleased to hear Senator Hoagland say this gives the people the opportunity to make a decision for themselves. So this then indicates to me that Senator Hoagland will now support video lotteries if the cities and the counties can vote to put them into place because this is giving the citizens a right to vote. So, Senator Hoagland, I would like to thank you for those remarks. Now Senator Hoagland brought up football. Now what football has to do with this bill I don't know. But, Senator Hoagland, if having the board of regents appointed will guarantee us to win the big ones and not the second ones, but the big three, you know the number one's, maybe it is not a bad bill. But I don't know how the board of regents could have anything to do with football. And Senator Hoagland said senators were appointed, and they are fine senators, they were reelected. He's absolutely right. But the citizens had the opportunity to reelect them or elect somebody else. If they are appointed to the regents we will not have that opportunity. So his arguments are frivolous because this bill hasn't got any weight behind it. It is just a frivolous bill. He can't come up with any good reasons. Number one, he says the amount of money spent on elections, \$33,000, well whoop-de-do. There was \$65,000 spent on being elected to the Legislature. So that hasn't got anything to do with it. That is right. We forgot that Senator Higgins was appointed, and maybe Senator Hoagland doesn't think that she is one of the better ones, but that is beside the point. So I say let's don't advance the bill. In '68, '80 and '84 it was never done. Why should we do it now? It is working. The system is working. Let's leave it alone. Thank you, Mr. President.