

SENATOR RUPP: I'm going to defer to Senator Schmit on that. He's back in the Chamber now.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I just want to point that out because I think the way it reads now it would take a majority of all the members, regardless of how many were present, to overturn the...if that is your intent, fine. But that is the way I read it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I didn't hear the question, Senator.

PRESIDENT: You want to pose the question again, Senator.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes. It is not that important, Senator Schmit, only that the way the bill is written now it would require a majority of all the members on the commission, not those present.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right, and we think it should be that way.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Fine. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes. Were you calling on me? Was it my turn to speak, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: I'll recognize you, Senator Schmit, yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you. I just want to support Senator Rupp.

PRESIDENT: Can we have order in the Chamber, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: This is a bill which I believe is very meritorious. I know that Senator Warner raised the question of the technical expertise versus the political. I think that Senator Rupp gave the correct answer, it is a combination of both. I don't think that there is any particular situation which you can divorce them from. But I just think that we ought to try to advance the bill. I don't think that we need a 100 percent vote on anything else, although there may be some times when, in this body, that might not be a bad idea. But, nonetheless, I support the bill. I hope you will advance it.