

I hope that it will not be accepted. If it is not, I will continue to support my amended resolution, and hope that it is adopted along with the Conway resolution. If it is not, I may withdraw my own resolution or my own amendment and we'll just vote up or down on the Conway resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Conway, then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'd like to maybe back up a little bit and talk about the history of how we got to where we are at this point. Some of you may remember that the other day, when we were dealing with the reconsideration vote, I offered the resolution which ended up to be LR 335, and in so offering it was with the idea that there was a lot of rhetoric that was being floated around on both sides of the issue during the argument, with the idea that we could pull off the issue for a short period of time, now up to March 15th, to have a group of people try to draw on the expertise that we have available to us, and so offer the resolution. Senator Landis followed, very shortly, with LR 337 which, in essence, is what we are discussing now rather than LR 335, because LR 337 is to be or attempting to be amended totally into what we had as 335. I was not very excited but, by virtue of the deadlock that we seemed to run into the other day on this issue, there was all this consideration and concern for the Exec Board appointing the members. Now, personally, if the resolution and the study followed, as I originally intended, there would not make any difference to me whether or not the Exec Board appointed all opponents or proponents because our original idea was to take some of the rhetoric out of the process, to be able to invite various individuals who had the expertise and technical knowledge that we were arguing about, that in many cases we do not have in front of us, and then be able to rule on LR 16, up or down, on that case. LR 16 has already had it's public hearing. It was really a question of whether or not we could clean up some of the so-called data that was being put in front of us, but kept showing various conflicts. So I went along with the Governor appointing six and the Exec Board appointing six, which I think drastically alters my original intent, drastically alters...something wrong here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have a problem.