

SENATOR WILL: ...upon the bias of the Governor that the appointment of this panel could be politicized, and he's right. Any panel that's appointed is going to be, to a degree at least, politicized or suspected of being politicized. I guess my point of view, as far as this amendment would go, is that I will take...I will take my chances with the Governor because whoever the Governor is at the time serves at least in potential and in theory as a check against a list that may be developed by the court, whereas if the court alone is simply developing the list, there is no check. Whatever bias the court has is simply going to be embodied by the list of independent medical examiners that they develop, whereas, I think the better way to go is to have an independent panel appointed by the Governor to evaluate the IMEs. I would urge your support for the Will amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Before we proceed with the next speaker, I would like to call the members' attention to some guests who are under the north balcony, Mr. and Mrs. Fran Hunt of Kearney, and Dana Wilhoney who is Miss Nebraska High School. Would you please rise and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Abboud, on the Will amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you. Madam President, colleagues, I have a question for Senator Landis. Senator Landis, I was listening to your arguments and people are listening to your arguments, I want you to know that.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you.

SENATOR ABOUD: And I was trying to figure out here, you said that sometimes, well, we may have governors out there that are biased towards labor or towards business and I just wondered how you classify Senator Nelson...or Governor Nelson.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Laughter.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: An imminently fair individual and whose appointment, I'm sure, would be balanced and reasoned.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: It's even more than you could have hoped for,