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played by lobbyists are known to us now in somewhat greater detail.

Emerton said a report on Wed-

sday's closed meeting and Alexan-

dor's remarks about withdrawing will be presented to the board on Tuesday. The committee met for six hours and six minutes after

Emerton reiterates that Alexander
does not plan to reconsider his de-

cision to withdraw. "Alexander's position all along has been that his decision is final. I take him at his word that he won't reconsider," he said.

The other committee members refused comment as they emerged from the meeting Wednesday.

Regent Ron Sheffer, who was a member of the committee and who voted to delay the selection, said today that the selection process has been "flawed and a failure" and explained he favors postponement of the selection for at least six months.

"I'm not going to vote for either of the two candidates. I'd rather just call a

holt to the whole thing, wait six months

from now, and look at it. I think we are all too involved right now in defending the selection process," he said.

Sheffer said the selection has been too
democratic and open permitting too

many people to get involved."

Faculty Regent William Buckman

said it is possible to name the new presi-

dent Sunday. "I'm hoping we can select a president with a 10-0 vote. But it is improbable, although not impossible,

to get a unanimous vote for either of the
two candidates," he said.

And Regent Hugh Poland, who was the only regent to vote for the delay who did not meet with Alexander, said he will vote for one of the candidates

Sunday. "I'm ready to select a president. I think it's time we got something done on this," Poland said today.

One of the remaining candidates, Baxter, has been controversial during

his 10-year tenure at Fresno. The Fresno faculty were polled last Septem-

ber and 77.8 percent of those responding rated Baxter's ad-

ministration as unacceptable.

When he visited Western's campus

last month, Baxter said his problems could be attributed to remnants of Vietnam War protests in the early 1970s and a new collective bargaining law in California.

Baxter, 53, was awarded a doctorate degree from Harvard University in 1954 and he has studied at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and the

University of Zurich, Switzerland.

He is a former professor, dean and

acting president of the New York

Theological Seminary in New York City and he served as vice president for

academic affairs at Little Rock University before joining Fresno in 1969.

The other candidate, Zacharias, graduated magna cum laude from

Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., in 1957 and received his doctorate from Indiana University in 1963.

He has served as a professor at In-

diana University and the University of Texas at Austin. Zacharias was named to his present position in June 1978.

The presidential selection began last

fall after Dero Downing announced his resignation for health reasons. He

resigned Jan. 5, with Dr. John D. Minton, vice president for administrative af-

fairs, having served as interim president.

A presidential search committee

reviewed more than 170 applicants and

nominees for the position, narrowing

that list to 30 in February.

The regents visited the top 14 can-
didates and four of the top five can-
didates visited Western's campus for

interviews with faculty students and

administrators. Alexander withdrew on

the day he was scheduled to arrive in

Bowling Green.