

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wonder if Senator Syas would yield to a question. Senator Syas if it is necessary to move by the way of a Constitutional amendment to correct the deficiencies and the bills to require the Governor and the Lt. Governor as a team, how soon at the earliest a could that Constitutional Amendment be passed? If the public would go for it?

SENATOR SYAS: Well the Primary we could put the amendment on put it on the primary like the bill we just advanced. On the primary like our salary is on the primary you have to have 40 votes but you can put it on the Primary and I think that is when we should do it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if at that Primary election that constitutional amendment is adopted then the Democrats will have selected a candidate for Governor and they will have selected a candidate for Lt. Governor and these two would be merged at the final election in November and come under that constitutional amendment, is that correct?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, on the...the partisan people will be running as a team, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now with no provisions in the statutes or the constitution, thus far, related to an independent candidate or a petition candidate for Governor or Lt. Governor there would not be anything that would determine how or whether an independent candidate would have to have a Lt. Governor for a running mate, is that correct?

SENATOR SYAS: I think that is the way it is now, that the thing is a big hole in it in the fact that it doesn't make provisions for the very thing that you are talking about, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if there was no primary for the Independent candidate then the Independent Candidate could select a running mate for the final election. But suppose he chose not to and at the time of the primary there was no law requiring that to occur would there still be a problem?

SENATOR SYAS: I think that we have a real problem Senator all the way along on this thing, because I think that possibly the Independent right now, and this my thought, could take this constitutional amendment to court and might find the constitutional amendment unconstitutional. By court.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would be unconstitutional based on the Federal Constitution.

SENATOR SYAS: I think that you are right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Alright, so that leaves an Independent in a position of not having to select a running mate on the law and the Constitution as it exists in the state now.

SENATOR SYAS: There is a question there, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So when the Independent wins the Governorship the Lt. Governor can be selected in the same way one would be selected had a Lt. Governor candidate died, right?

SENATOR SYAS: This thing...you are raising some points that are really valid Senator, I am amused of course, but this thing we over looked something in this Legislature real big and I thing that we have in also in some Statutory laws where we have