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us are Democrats, likely...likewise, somewhat differing even among the boundaries of that party. Will Rogers once said that he didn't belong to an organized political party, he was a Democrat. There is all sha...all sorts of shades of meaning but the general grouping holds true, and when people are discussing candidates, one of the things they ask is, is he a Republican or is he Democrat or is he an Independent? I think if you look upon this coldly, dispassionately, you will come to the conclusion that to remove the identifier is to hide the philosophy, and that would not serve the long-term purposes or benefits to the people of Nebraska. Turn back the rest of my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Banking Committee will have an Executive Session in the lounge immediately; Banking Committee in the Senate lounge. Senator Schimek has a motion with respect to LB 349, Mr. President. That will be laid over. General Affairs offers a confirmation report.

General Affairs Committee also reports LB 976, LB 982, LB 1086 to General File, and LB 973, LB 975, LB 1150 General File with amendments, LB 912 indefinitely postponed. And, Mr. President, hearing notices from the Revenue Committee, signed by Senator Wickersham as Chair. That's all that I have. Thank you. (Legislative Journal pages 521-522.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Smith, on advancement of LB 510.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I had not intended to speak on this item but I've been listening to the debate, and I would like to add my thoughts. I believe that a lot of the debate this morning on LB 510 is to or has been based on the behavior of an officeholder. And I want to point out, in my opinion, that the absence of a political affiliation identifier on the ballot, which is really the only thing it would do, does not control the behavior of the officeholder. And I would also like to point out that there is nothing currently in statute that prevents a nonaffiliated individual