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parliaments have to get multicoalitions working together to have government, I...I tend to think the two-party system has been one of the strengths of this country, I, notwithstanding the state of Nebraska. I'm fairly...I'm comfortable with nonpartisanship here and I'm comfortable with the Unicameral. I do believe philosophically on a grander scale, nationally if you will, that it is important to have a philosophy, a party philosophy, which is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...essentially...thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. Senator Wickersham, I have a letter, as we all do probably from our election commissioners and the county clerks, but...and I understand why somebody would want to be an independent. I can really, clearly understand why somebody would not want to be affiliated with a political party. But I think if anybody is savvy enough to be registered to vote and wants to cast their vote in elect...on election day in the primary or the general, in the primary, excuse me, they can vote in the general, in the primary should have enough sense to go to the polling place or, rather, to the election commissioner's office and register as a "R" or a "D" before that primary day election. Couldn't they...don't they have enough time to register? I mean certainly two weeks a month they must know enough about that candidate if they feel strongly enough to register to vote for that person. One thing my election commissioner did point out to me was that it hindered her ability to predict the number and types of ballots that are needed at the polls. And we, if we remember Florida, we ran into a lot of trouble there, and they could run into a lot of ballot shortages because then a lot...lot...and they'd have to duplicate the machine ballots. And those can't be scanned, so they have to be hand counted. And I'm not sure that we want to get into that kind of a mess at this time. I mean let's give them...they have plenty of time to register however they want to, to get their candidate into office. That's all I have to