

all members of the board, we should maintain that balance. and Senator Schimek's amendment will maintain throughout the appointive process what we are doing now, and it follows the rationale for having placed it there in the first instance so that one Governor will not appoint all members of all the boards. But a Governor serving two terms, in fact, will do that.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I hope you will support Senator Schimek's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. I would like to go back to looking at some of the boards and commissions in which this kind of stipulation is in the statutes, and I have been running through the Blue Book here, quickly as I could, trying to look at the qualifications necessary for some of these boards and commissions, and I have come up with a variety of boards and so far I have found that the Advisory Committee to the Department of Public Institutions has this proviso. The Nebraska Gasohol Committee has this; the Game and Parks Commission, the Liquor Control Commission, the Nebraska Power Review Board, the State Racing Commission, the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women, and I was just about to write down I think that the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission is also one of those boards that says no more than half of the members or no more than so many members may be of one political party. This is not an extraordinary thing that I am suggesting here today that we do. And as a matter of fact, it would be very difficult for those of us who might be interested in these kind of statistics to actually keep track of these kinds of appointments. There are so many of these appointments that a Governor must make that I think most Governors find it to be an onerous burden and one with which they can hardly keep up. But many of these special boards and commissions have very specific stipulations written into them to guide that Governor in making those appointments, and I really don't think it is burdensome for them to have to go outside of their own political party to look for an appointment in some of these cases. It just keeps the system balanced, it keeps it honest. It makes it easier, in some ways, for a Governor to