

forever, it is not necessary to even raise the question by mentioning it when the first appointments are to take place. What could happen is that some members of the public may actually read this proposal. They may actually see that we are requiring this party balance after the first appointment but no more, and they could wonder, as I did, why, if it is important in the beginning, it doesn't continue to be important throughout. Senator Warner, during his discussion, had said rather than require that balance throughout, it would be better to strike all reference to it. And since we are not going to carry it throughout, I agree. We should just take it out altogether and that is what my amendment would do. It would strike all the language that refers to any kind of party balance at the initial appointment or any other time. So I hope you will adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, and members of the body, I am rising to speak against the Chambers amendment. As you may remember, I tried to get this particular section of the bill changed several days ago when we discussed it so that it would consistently have an equal division or a balanced division, I should say, of political party membership. But, Senator Chambers, I guess I see your point but the Governor originally, the original Governor, whether it is Governor Orr, or whether it is Governor Whoever, down the road, will have blanket...a group of blanket appointments to begin with. No other Governor is going to have that many appointments to deal with at the same time. So I can better accept leaving it off for later on than I can striking it altogether. Maybe I am wrong, maybe it doesn't make any difference. I have never or I can't remember hearing of a situation, it has probably happened and I don't know about it, but I can't remember hearing about a situation where somebody was appointed on the basis that they change their political party. Now maybe that has happened but I think both the Governor and the person being appointed would come in for some criticism if that were the case, if that happened. So I see what you are trying to do and I don't...I can accept some of your argument but I just think for the initial appointments it would be better to retain that language. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests of Senator Scott Moore, under the south balcony is Elton and Carol Peterson