

by the local constabulary. He was with that Nuclear Waste, or whatever it is that he was doing. He wasn't wasting his time, but he was mispending it while he was stealing money, but that's not the point I want to make. I want to use that as an example. Politicians watch politicians, political parties watch political parties, so I think those who would be involved and interested in this process of who was going to be appointed to represent one of these parties would be very watchful and make certain that a person had not, as a stratagem, changed his or her registration simply for the purpose of being put on this commission ostensibly to represent a party when his or her true sympathies were with the opposite party. So I will agree that Senator Conway's amendment is preferable to that of Senator Warner and there is one other thing to consider. If a person had to belong to a political party for five years prior to being appointed, you conceivably could have a person who had not registered with either party, had suddenly gotten political religion in mid-life or late life and decided to register as a member of a party. During the first year or first two years, that person could have done such yeoman work that he or she would be deemed by that party to be an outstanding individual, but since he or she had not ever been registered with any political party for five years, that person could not be considered for appointment. The other possibility, although not likely, is that a youngster registering for the first time could have worked with and for the party for a period of fewer than five years and not be eligible for appointment even if the party felt this were the most qualified individual. So two years is less unreasonable than five. I don't know whether two years is reasonable, but it is certainly less unreasonable so I will support Senator Conway's amendment over that offered by Senator Warner.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Warner, did you wish to address the Conway amendment again? He waives off. Senator Conway, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. The amendment, as I say again, simply lowers from five to two the period of time that an individual is affiliated with a party to qualify as that party person, plus cleaning up a couple of the other aspects since the first section wasn't on. So I offer that amendment to the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Conway's closing on his