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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-hum.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...and the thinking by the committee, as I've been informed, is that probably if this would pass there would have to be a bill passed after the const...or it could be done next year so people would know when they're voting on the constitutional amendment what the process would be, but it was suggested that that be done in statute rather than in a constitutional amendment. So this would just do away with the requirement of electing the Lieutenant Governor in the primary or the nominee for Lieutenant Governor in the primary.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, why must the individual be of the same political party if the Governor candidate is making the selection?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, if you would want to change that, I wouldn't have a big problem with that. Right now, the Lieutenant Governor candidate must be of the same party, if I'm correct. I think I'm correct in saying that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the reas...oh, and thanks. That's all I'll ask you, but I wanted to call your attention to what I'm looking at. Members of the Legislature, if it's contemplated that a statutory scheme is going to be constructed, then the constitutional provision should be as lean and spare in words as possible. So, if you said each candidate for Governor shall select a registered voter to be the candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the general election ballot, you are requiring only, in terms of the qualification of the running mate, that he or she be a registered voter. But at what point must that person be a registered voter? Only when the selection is to be made. In order to vote, you have to register so many days before the election, but since we're talking about names being placed on the ballot, this selection is going to have to be made a sufficient number of days before the general election to allow the name to be placed on the ballot. I'm wondering if the public is really being served by this because the person who is the Lieutenant Governor takes over when the Governor is incapacitated, out of the state, or under the circumstances laid out in the law. Maybe the public has a right to determine which individual they would like to see take the place of the