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why McCain in New Hampshire got the kind of support he did, not just from Republicans but from especially Independents and from Democrats as well, because I think they believed him. They believed that he was saying what he thought, and that's the most important thing in this life, is simply to be human, as I've said once or twice before on this floor, and I think that's what he was doing. I don't think that changing the constitutional office of Attorney General to nonpartisan is going to make him human or any other Attorney General human. They'll probably still play the political game and get involved with those issues they think they can politically profit from and do things that they know might help them in the state of Nebraska. It isn't necessarily honest. I'm not even sure if they really believe it. And so why are we playing the game, you know, a partisan game using our positions? And if, in fact, we're concerned about that, I would hope you'd support an amendment that I will offer, if the bill that talks about legislators having to resign if they run for another job, and would support it as it applies to constitutional officeholders. I don't know what I'm going to do on this. I...I'm not quite sure. I will share one last thing with you, and we do have...I won't tell you who all you are, but there's about 28 of you out there on the floor that agree with each other about 85 percent of the times on a hundred most important issues, and there's 16 of you who are Republican, 12 of you who are Democrats, and you crazies on either side of the political issue aren't part of that mainstream. Want to get bills passed in here, you have to have...you have to be a part of that mainstream. You can't be far out Republican, far out Democrat, far out issue on any side and expect to be successful in this kind of a body, but that's the reason I think this nonpartisan Unicameral...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...works so well and I think it's a very good policy, and I don't think it would work as well if it were a partisan policy, to tell you the truth, because most important thing, I hope, in our body is the issue, not what party you belong to. And if you're the kind of senator that thinks in terms of what party I belong to and what should I do, then you're not really a player. You're not a meaningful part of this important, I think, system that we have and use in