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he's doing a great job. Attorney General is doing a great job. It has nothing to do with being great or anything else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Further debate, Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Just a quick comment. It seems to me that there's now four parties that we have in this country: you have the Republicans; you have the Democrats; you have a rising number of people who are disaffected with both parties, called the Independents; but the fourth party is what I'm most concerned about and that's the group of Americans that choose not to exercise their right to vote. To think that this bill and making Nebraska's Attorney General a nonpartisan position would somehow undermine our democracy I think is an exaggeration to a fantastic extent. I don't think it really educates anyone. I do think that what it does, it educates the people that this is a very important position, that they should pay attention to who is running, that that position has a lot of authority that we rely to interpret the law. I'm going to support LB 510. Thus, my comments, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Pederson, on the motion to override.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't know what you would do for an encore with what Senator Cudaback said, so I'm not even going to try in that regard, but I was particularly persuaded a lot by what Senator Schmitt had to say. I think that hadn't really been focused on earlier. I think it's important to understand the aspect of the Attorney General's Office as a branch of our...of our law enforcement. As far as what Senator Tyson said, I don't believe that anybody is naive enough to think that this particular bill would change people's political views. I think you can have your political views. This is simply whether or not you want to have an Attorney General that in some way will be persuaded or influenced by political affiliation. I've said before and I will continue to say that this issue is one of finding the best, most impartial legal advisor for the state of Nebraska and for the Governor that we can obtain, and I think that this bill will