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help to do that. I do not view this as any offense to the Governor. He has an opinion as to whether or not this should be changed. I just happen to disagree with him. I think this is a matter where I am saying, in my opinion, that the important part is the legal aspect of the Attorney General and I think that the Governor is imposing, in this respect, a desire not to change the political atmosphere, and I think it needs to be changed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pederson.

(EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION - SOME DEBATE LOST)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Legislature, one of my basic arguments has been that by taking away the requirement of a party designation you expand the pool of attorneys willing to seek this position. When they campaign in the primary they will have to argue and present their credentials on the...from the standpoint of their capabilities as a lawyer, not as a party operative, not as one who has to raise money in the same way that every other political officeholder has to do. Some of you may be familiar with Bob Spire. All the people who knew him, even though there were decisions he took that some disagreed with, I disagreed with him when he argued death penalty cases, but he did what he did as a lawyer. He was objective and he was so capable and raised the level of respect for that office through his professionalism that there were, what they call, bipartisan groups organizing to support him so that he would run for the office. But he was so opposed to having to get into the partisan politics aspect of it that he did not run. The way we are selected for the final ballot, as members of the Legislature, is to let everybody in the district vote, everybody. So when you get the final two on the ballot, you don't have one representing one party and one representing another party. You have the two people who received the most votes being cast by all of the people in that district who are to be represented. When we're seeking a candidate for Attorney General the same thing should obtain. The final two who are going to be voted on in the general election should have gotten there by virtue not of loyalty to a political party but because the populace as a whole which voted determined these were the two most likely candidates to do the job well. If I were newly