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this of Senator Janssen, if he would yield to a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Would you yield, Senator Janssen, to a question?

SENATOR JANSSEN:      Certainly.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      The question that I have, if there are no candidates on the ballot, by going to this partisanship, nonpartisanship, what procedure takes place at that time?

SENATOR JANSSEN:      If there are no candidates on the...if there are three vacancies on the ballot?

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Yes, there'd be three vacancies on the ballot, and no...

SENATOR JANSSEN:      Then whoever receives the most write-in votes would be the chairman, and the second one would be the treasurer, and the third one would be the secretary.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Is there anything in...on the bill here that it states in...on page 2, line 27, it says, the number of signatures of registered voters needed to place the name of a candidate upon the nonpartisanship ballot for the general election shall be as follows. Is...I'm not totally clear as far as that portion of the bill, when it takes so many signatures according to establishing, when we're going, in this bill, going from a partisan to a nonpartisan, the...in order to put a name on the ballot. It would lead me to believe that just writing a name on the ballot, and one would get one vote, maybe one would get two votes...I don't think that would be in total compliance with what I'm trying to understand as far as the nonpartisan portion of this bill is.

SENATOR JANSSEN:      Well, as a rule, Senator Stuthman, there really isn't, in my opinion anyway, much attention focused on the fact that there would be someone running for those positions. There...in some cases, the persons have been on that board for years and years. It doesn't seem like there is ever much of an election, or it generates much enthusiasm for those