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SENATOR JENSEN: I think it is. Now there could be some boards that it's required.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And those should...

SENATOR JENSEN: Certainly not on this board.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And those should state explicitly that because they're seeking some kind of political balance, due to the nature of the board, their affiliation must be given. And if it's that kind of board, I don't have a problem with that, because there are some where there should be some level of parity between the parties, if party matters could have any role to play. But on these kinds of boards, anything that is superfluous should not be on the application.

SENATOR JENSEN: I would agree, Senator. I do recall, however, when you, a couple of years ago, the previous administration were really pushing to get more gender representation on the boards. That year I did keep a list of how many males, females, and the party affiliation, and I was surprised. There was...well distributed. Matter of fact, that year very close to the same number of females as males, and there was maybe one, two more Republicans than Democrats, but very close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that came after I had been consistently and continuously, or continually bludgeoning the administration about not appointing females.

SENATOR JENSEN: It did have an effect. Yes, it did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you notice whether, when it came to ethnicity or race or national origin, that there was any upswing in the number of nonwhite people who were receiving appointments, or you didn't keep tabs on that?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, but I believe there was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and I accept that, because I was aware of some coming through. Now Senator Jensen, has anybody compared these application forms, to determine if everything on