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but I'm glad for your questions. The first place we may need some Statutory changes. And I.. that's also what I was going to talk to the Attorney General about. However, I think that we have a bigger problem than Statutory changes. I think we've got a hole in this constitutional amendment where they run as a team when we left out those who had filed non-partisan. Now, you've asked me about the May primary. We'd have to change if Statutory, I think some Statutes this year. But I was assuming but maybe I was wrong. I was assuming though, that if a person filed as an Independent, he wouldn't do it until the November election. And he wouldn't run in a Primary. That's normally.. normally that's the way it's been done in the past a petition candidate got on for the final election. He let the primary go by because the primaries in Nebraska are partisan primaries. You get the Republican or you get the Democrat ballot. on a .. I don't know of any provision that..we might be able to make one where a Independent could by..file by petition. If that is done we've got a problem. A real problem. If we can't get them on in the primary. If we're going to call an Independent a political party. I don't think we can go it that fast, because we can't get it to the...if it needs a Constitutional Amendment we can't get it to the people before May. We'll already be adjourned. Now if we can do it Statutory, we should do it this time. But I'm a little dubious as to whether we could do it Statutory or not. But I'm going to find out for you. And then we are going to take it from there. But I think we've got a real problem, and I think your questions, Senator Fellman and Senator Chambers, are very good. And I think that this is one time where we missed the boat. I think in this particular case, I did vote against the Constitutional Amendment..so. But anyhow thats beside the point. I think we've got a problem that we cannot deprive people that take it upon themselves not to belong to a particular political party from filing for office. Bear in mind that in the United States today, the Democrats I think are nationally or about 50% or 49, I think the Republicans are about 29%, and I think the last article I read the people, the non-partisan or Independent voter registered that way is larger by registration than the Republican party. So I don't think we can leave people like that out of this realm of having the right to run for political office. And we might have done that by the way this Constitutional Amendment is now done. I'm going to check this thoroughly. I hope I can have it by Friday. But I'll give it to you as soon as I can.

SPEAKER: LB104 the Clerk will read.

CLERK: 104 is just what he asked to bracket until January 7, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: LB153.

CLERK: There is a request to bracket LB153 and 161.

SPEAKER: Any objections to bracketing LB153 and LB161?
Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: I have an (INAUDIBLE)

SPEAKER: You are objecting to backing of both bills.

SENATOR NORE: Temporarily. I'd like to say a few words about this LB15..Let's see now this is...

SPEAKER: LB153 AND LB161.