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kind of system. It's determined by the people you put in the system. And if there are problems with the Legislature now and I don't know...sure, I agree that there's some unrest, there's some things that maybe should be improved but I don't believe the change in the system is going to bring that about. I think again it's the people you put in the system that determines the quality of government, not the system itself as we know of it in the United States.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak Senator Stromer, then Cavanaugh, then Mahoney. The motion is to.....

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, I would oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone LB649. I think that Senator Warner has already pointed out one of the chief reasons, I think, for this bill. Actually never have the people of the State of Nebraska had the opportunity to vote separately on whether this should be a partisan or non-partisan body. It was actually put together in one issue along with the Unicameral Legislature. So they have never really had the opportunity to make that determination. Unfortunately, it has been lumped together as one issue ever since that time when it is actually two separate ones. Senator Fellman, I think, outlined very well this morning the history that it was also put on the ballot with two other constitutional amendments which happen to be very popular in that year and one of those, of course, being the paramutuel betting for the State of Nebraska. And so I think that the people of the state do deserve to have the chance to be able to make a determination as to what they would like to have as far as this Body and to have the choice as to whether it should be elected on a partisan or a non-partisan basis. And so therefore I would oppose the indefinite postponement or postponed motion and I think we should vote on it. And I think that we should put it on the ballot so the people of the state can have that opportunity to make this decision.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I opposed Senator Syas' amendment, I will not at this time vote to indefinitely postpone. However, since Senator Syas used his closing remarks rather cleverly to incite this Body against my earlier remarks, I feel that I would have to address some of those remarks. For example, does Senator Syas know that his amendment would resolve in giving this Body the power to do all those evils which he accuses me of supporting, of setting the criteria of whether we would run partisan this year, non-partisan next year, depending upon the political advantage to the majority of the members of this Body within a given time? And I don't think that is a desirable thing and I think that perhaps Senator Syas does know that because Senator Syas lives in a marginally registered district. And it would probably be very much to his advantage to have the option at his disposal to change the rules of the game on those occasions when the political realities of a given moment would serve Senator Syas' purposes. And I think that's probably his specific intent here. To serve his own political purposes and to remain the Dean of the Legislature by constantly shuffling and re-adjusting an electoral process to suit what might be an advantageous situation for him in any given election year. And, I can't blame him for that. He deserves to be the Dean and he's a fine Dean and I'd like to see him stay here. And I'd like to see him stay here on some legitimate basis of serving in a process that the people have decided that they want. Now,