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that we may not want to say in our political accountability legislation. We may not want to say that we are encouraging someone to withdraw from a political party. We certainly do not discourage someone from starting a different political party but my own personal feeling is that an independent is not as well versed, is not what we want to add to our commission and I see that you are removing one member by removing the Governor from it. I just am opposed to the committee amendments for this section of the committee amendments and do not feel that this is what we want to do with our political accountability commission.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the committee amendments and to disagree with Senator Marsh on this point. I agree with Senator Marsh. I do not want to encourage people to become not active in the political process. I think the only glue that holds the thing together is a little bit of philosophical organization which is proposed and promoted by the two-party system and I do not like to see any greater weakening of the two-party system. The reason I rise to support the committee amendments is simply this, that we have, in fact, developed a compromise and a compromise on this bill allows that one person on the commission would be an independent. Now we do have a poll of about 5% of the voters of the State of Nebraska who are registered independents. Those are people who have opted for one reason or another not to be very active in the primary process, one person, about 4 to 5%, about 5%. The situation here is this. I think that it is important to live up to the compromise. I think the compromise is a reasonable one. I think one independent would not be a problem in this regard and let me also say that the Governor if he so desired could appoint many more independents because there are no limitation on that but in actuality the likelihood is that he would only appoint one independent. I think it is a reasonable compromise. I think it is a way in which we can put together this commission in a way in which we won't have a whole lot of trouble moving it through the floor. I think it is a reasonable approach and for that reason, I disagree with Senator Marsh. I may agree with her logic but I disagree with her final analysis and for that reason I support the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.