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of political division. We have all seen happen exactly what has been described by Senator Murphy. I think there are plenty persons of both parties that are broad enough political spectrum that any Governor can tell those responsibilities without having to make the necessary change in registration. I think it most regrettable of all that it would occur in a commission which is supposed to set up some kind of standards for political accountability. I think it makes the entire thing a farce and I think it probably establishes a new low insofar as accountability is concerned. So, therefore, I heartily endorse Senator Murphy's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wonder if Senator Murphy would yield to a quick question?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Murphy, I simply want to make sure that I understand. You talked about party registration for the last two years. Does that in some way or another change the status of an Independent? Or are you saying they have to be registered as they currently are for the last two years? Is that what you are really saying?

SENATOR MURPHY: That is true, yes.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, so an Independent who has not necessarily been a member of a party so long as he were represented, registered as an Independent for the past two years?

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Cullan, as the most independent Independent I have ever met, you are protected, yes.

SENATOR CULLAN: That was not my question, Senator Murphy, but, thank you.

SENATOR MURPHY: No, truly, Senator Cullan, it is simply to avoid, I don't want to call it gerrymandering, but this game playing that goes on when I change my registration on Wednesday and you appoint me on Friday.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Murphy amendment to LB 54. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the Murphy amendment to LB 54. Have