

personal registration, eyeball to eyeball type of registration. We recognize they need a longer time to process mail applications. We originally said 20 days. The people who administered the program said 20 days was fine, however, I have absolutely no problem if there are those who have concerns about the bill and this can answer their concerns that we have a little longer time to process the applications. I have absolutely no problem with that. I would endorse the 30-day limit in lieu of the 20-day limit. I think Senator Smith has brought us a good suggestion here in terms of the political party registration. I have been at places where people are voting and they will tell, when asked what their party preference is, they will tell the registrar, I would like to register as an Independent. I have heard the registrar mildly remind them that if they are an Independent, the partisan part of the primary, any primary election where an individual is nominated to run as a candidate of a political party, they will be unable to do that. What Senator Smith is doing is adding this term to the form so that they will be aware of that when they file and also, hopefully, it will answer some of Senator Vickers' concerns that the individual will be aware that Independent is a choice that they have. Further comments, Senator Vickers was asking a number of questions about the information on the form. I, too, had those questions when we got involved with this bill, Senator Vickers. I originally said, well, do we have to ask all of this information? I wanted to eliminate some of it. Surely step by step they convinced me on each one of these that, yes, they would like to have that information on the form for their purposes. What I would suggest maybe, rather than trying to deal with this at this point, maybe you and I could sit down with some people from the election commissioner's office and go through these one more time, make sure that they are all absolutely needed because I kind of share your concern, but I kind of hate to stop the bill for this purpose at this time. So with that, I urge you to adopt the Smith amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, first, a question of Senator Smith if I may.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Smith, would you respond?