

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Smith, if I understood it correctly when you were reading your amendment, you have inserted the word "partisan" in front of the word "primary".

SENATOR SMITH: Right.

SENATOR VICKERS: It doesn't show on the handout.

SENATOR SMITH: Right, it was not included. It was inadvertently left out of the handout.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, then...thank you, Senator Smith. The concern that I have with the Smith amendment, and I say this in support of the Smith amendment, but I do reserve the right to check the language between now and Select File and work with Senator Withem and Senator Smith and others. If you'll read the last sentence, it says: "(Note to voter: If you wish to vote in partisan primary elections, you must indicate party affiliation. For example: Democrat, Independent, Republican.)". First of all, I do not think that Independent is a party. Secondly, you do not have to be registered...wait a minute, let me say this again. Secondly, you cannot vote in a partisan primary election even if you are registered as an Independent. You can only vote for those nonpolitical ballots in the primary election. Now if the partisan primary election refers to the total election, total primary election, which I assume it does, it's not totally correct I don't believe, as I read it, to say as an Independent you, therefore, can. So we may need to make some changes in that notice between now and Select File, but I do support the amendment. I support the bill, but, as I indicated, I do have some questions with the language right now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Paul Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Mike not turned on.) ...a question?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, we didn't have you turned on.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Withem, how do you take care of...does Nebraska have a residency requirement?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Hartnett, Nebraska...a number of years ago when the Voting Rights Act was passed residency requirements were in essence stricken down. Nebraska's