

nothing to do with elections. I understand that in that court case though that there was indication if government had a vital interest and the vital interest, which is the public, if they have a vital interest and it seems to me the vital interest is to assure a balance of the operation of an election system which has since...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...been at best, and would seem to me that it's not an unreasonable condition to put on inasmuch as we already have it on the operation of the governing board.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Warner. And if you addressed that in your opening remarks, I'm sorry because I was refiling an amendment and I may have missed that. I guess, I would just conclude with saying that I do support the concept of the first part of this amendment on lines 7-15, if we could amend it to say two years and I still have reservations about the second part of what we're trying to do here. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Senator Chambers, did you wish to address the Conway amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I just want to have clear in my mind what Senator Conway's amendment will do. Senator Conway, if I may ask you to interrupt this high-level discussion just for a second, just for a second.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This that we're discussing is to reduce that number of years from five to two that you must belong to a political party prior to appointment to this commission?

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I support Senator Conway's amendment. For those of you who are people of the world, it takes a thief to catch a thief on occasion, unless a thief makes a mistake and trips himself up as one did this morning when he ingloriously was taken into custody