

1 MR. SCANLAN: This is sort of confidential.  
2 Off the record.

3 (Discussion held off the record.)

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Graves, would you enlighten  
5 us on that?

6 DR. GRAVES: Of course, like most students of  
7 government, I am interested in this thing. I think there  
8 are only two legislatures that are elected on a so-called  
9 nonpartisan basis, in Nebraska and Minnesota, and if the  
10 gentleman over here had not raised the question, I was  
11 ready to do it, too.

12 I did have an opportunity for a few months, a  
13 few years ago, when the Minnesota Legislature was in  
14 session and I was a visiting member of the department at  
15 the university, to watch this thing, and nonpartisanship  
16 in Minnesota, I think, is largely a fake. All it means  
17 is that the names of the parties and the party emblems  
18 are not on the ballot, but everybody knows who the candi-  
19 dates are for, what party they belong to, that is, as  
20 any knowledgeable and informed person knows; and I have  
21 regarded it as just one of those things that we Americans