

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB635

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 04, 2009
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Change reporting requirements for political party committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Avery, Giese, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Sullivan
Nay:	1	Senator Janssen
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Pirsch

Proponents:
Senator Heath Mello

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Frank Daley

Representing:
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 635 makes several changes to the reporting requirements of political party committees.

Specifically, the bill requires political party committees to file the same campaign statements as other committees. Currently, political party committees file a separate campaign statement as outlined in section 49-1457.

A contribution received as a result of subscriptions for political purposes to a political party committee that is \$50 or less will not be an anonymous contributions. Under current law, anonymous contributions cannot be accepted or expended.

Finally, a political party committee which makes a late independent expenditure will report the expenditure in the same manner as an independent committee which makes a late independent expenditure.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment makes harmonizing and technical changes to the bill to provide that political parties will file the same campaign statements as other committees and will be required to report late independent expenditures in the same manner as independent committees.

