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SPEAKER: Very good, the bill is advanced. That brings up the general file consideration of LB 174.

CLERK: Title Read LB 174. Committee amendments read.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I move to the adoption of the amendments. You can take them one at a time or you can take both of them, they are clarification of amendments by the Secretary of State, and Senator Stromer can explain the bill, but the amendments would make the bill in proper form, there was no place in the bill for the petition part when you had to have your petition into the Secretary of the State, there is a time limit, that was put in, in the first part. The second part where we put registered electors, they had no way to keep track of the ones that were registered, so the word registered is needed.

SPEAKER: Do you have just the two amendments Senator Barnett?

SENATOR BARNETT: Yes, and they are written up as one on your committee amendment in your book.

SPEAKER: Let's take the one first.

SENATOR BARNETT: Fine. I move to adoption of the first amendment.

SPEAKER: Is there need for further discussion of that amendment? All those in favor of the first amendment as explained by Senator Barnett say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered, the amendment is adopted. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I move the second amendment which is the word registered in front of the word elector.

SPEAKER: You've heard that amendment, the explanation of the amendment, all those in favor of the amendment please say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered that amendment is adopted. That takes care of the committee amendments, are there further amendments to LB 174? No, we will hold the Waldron amendment, proposed amendment until Senator Stromer explains the bill, back to you Senator Stromer, your explanation of LB 174.

SENATOR STROMER: Okay, Mr. President, and fellow members, LB 174, is a bill that would just add to our present primary law, the ballot for a vice presidential candidate. It does nothing as far as changing any of the present legislation, concerning the all star presidential primary nor does it do anything as far as changing the selection of delegates, in the presidential primary for the delegates to the National convention. So all that this bill does is to add a portion that would add a vice presidential ballot and I feel that at this time when maybe we have had party bosses, maybe choosing a lot of various candidates or people, I think maybe it's time for us to start paving the way to provide the people a change to have a voice. Now no way is this going to be binding, but what it would do at least offer the opportunity for some people to have their opinions heard, and now candidates would be proposed in the same way as they are for our all star presidential primary, and this will be either by the fact that the secretary of state would put their names on the ballot, or they could be put on the ballot by petition, and so I think all we are doing here is making more complete, already what we have started, and I think the Midwest is always been the pioneering area for presidential primaries in the fact that we would then be able to listen listen to have some kind of a choice from what the people would want to have included for their vice president.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.