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to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. If you'd stand up why, you know, we could see you. We are always delighted when you're interested enough to come down and watch the processes of government. The salvation of the state is watchfulness in the citizen. I'll bet you've heard that before too. Very good. Thank you for coming. It still takes 30 votes to suspend the rules in this body and introduce a bill. Okay. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, no nays, 19 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Very good. The rules are suspended, the bill be placed directly on General File. Do you want to read the title of the bill?

CLERK: Reads title of LB 568. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that LB 577 and 246 be placed on General File on May 10 after the bills previously set. Signed, Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: Unanimous consent for 577 and 246 to place them where?

CLERK: On May 10.

PRESIDENT: On May 10 for General File discussion. Are there objections to placing 577 and 246 for discussion May 10? Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered. It will be done.

CLERK: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to place LB 542 and--is that through 562? LB 549 through 562 to the top of General File for May 9.

PRESIDENT: May 9 you have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, bills already scheduled for May 9. 365, 111, 366, 275, 149. Go ahead, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...members of the Legislature, I had looked at that long list but these are, this represents that package of election bills that the Secretary of State introduced and they need to be passed quickly and they got a letter from somebody connected with the Defense Department who makes out a register of all the changes in election laws throughout the state for whatever purposes they have and he needs this information so it's essential that these bills pass. Now if the Legislature does not want to place them at the head of General File or even pass them, I nevertheless have discharged my responsibility.

PRESIDENT: All right. Are there objections--that was 549 through 562? Motion is to place those at the head of, excuse me, at the along with the other five bills already bracketed for the 9th. Are there objections to placing those up with the other bills that are already scheduled for the 9th? Senator Carpenter, are you objecting?

SENATOR CARPENTER: No, but I want to make a point of order.

PRESIDENT: All right, go ahead sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It seems to me that these bills will automatically be passed. They are of a highly technical nature in providing only for elections. They were drawn up entirely as I recall by the Secretary of State and I wouldn't think anybody would have any objection to them. I'd like to amend his motion to put them at the head of General File, ahead of 533 because I wouldn't think it would take over 10 or 15 minutes to dispose of these bills. They are important. Plus they are long in context and all the more reason we should push them on and that would relieve the load, the burden for example on the department who has the responsibility of writing these bills into final laws. So I think they will