

anyone has come up with a better formulation and it seems to me that this Legislature would be totally remiss and totally close its eyes to facts in our country if it categorically refuses this bill on the grounds of formula. If there is anything that has come through clearly during these last weeks it's that the presence of abundant money does far more harm than good to a political race and the same things could happen in statewide races or even legislative district races. What this bill does is say we've had enough of the old order of politics when money can buy an election. It's interesting that there have been a number of proposals along these lines, albeit with different dollar figures, that are now pending in Congress and there too as here these bills were sort of sleeping and drew very little attention until the last few weeks and all of a sudden they are ideas that have come of age. It seems to me this bill is a good proposal and deserves very serious consideration.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for his amendment now to LB 310.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the real super-simple amendment and really doesn't directly relate to the rest of the bill but it is germane from a legal standpoint. It was drafted and attached to this bill because this was the only one I could find. What the amendment does is simply provide that no, no candidate need meet any residency requirements for office in this state such as city council or county board or anything else, in any case more than six months, and the reason for this is there's a wide disparity throughout Nebraska on what constitutes residency requirements for various offices. For instance, for a Nebraska State Senator you have to be a resident for a year. This is constitutionally controlled. But for example, Omaha City Council, just as one example, you have to be a resident for five years but the elections are only held every four years. As a practical matter then you can't run for an Omaha City Council seat unless you are a resident of Omaha an average of probably 7 to 8 years and so this would just make it uniform throughout the state that no city or county or anybody else could impose residency requirements in excess of six months and we did adopt this amendment originally on the ill-fated LB 12 that, I think that was the number, that Senator Chambers and the Governor had a misunderstanding on and we ran through here half a dozen times. Since that ultimately failed, I put the amendment over on this bill and would urge it be adopted, just to establish a uniformity and it's also in line with recent Supreme Court decisions which reflect for instance that for voting you can't make a person be a resident a year and this type of thing.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the DeCamp amendment? Question is, shall the DeCamp amendment be adopted? All those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. The ayes have it, so ordered. The amendment is adopted. Senator Fellman, back to you.

CLERK: I have a motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, read the motion.

CLERK: I move that LB 310 be indefinitely postponed. Signed, Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 310. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: With all deference to Senator Fellman, this is one of the silliest bills I've ever read. I'm sure it probably doesn't represent his judgment. Now we're talking about the Watergate and the Watergate problem was not because of