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This motion is to return 877 only. This is not adopting the amendment. Alright thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays.

PRESIDENT: OK, the bill is returned. OK, Senator Fellman we are ready for your motion on the....

SENATOR FELLMAN: I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Alright, is there further discussion of the amendment? Senator Kelly, do you want to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, a question of Senator Fellman. Senator Fellman, what about independents that want to contribute this dollar too? Is there anything that we can do about that area?

SENATOR FELLMAN: I don't know of any way to do this. If you could figure it out, it would be fine with me. But you see the two parties, any party, if Senator Chambers wants to create the Chambers Party, that is fine. The Nebraska law is very clear on how a party can be organized. The Republican Party, the Democratic Party or organize that land as a structure if democratically elected with a small "d" a democratically elected structure, with county central committees and state central committees. The third party could do the same thing. If there is any other party then it could be added to this. I don't know of any way to include the independents.

SENATOR KELLY: Fellow members, that would be my problem with this amendment that again those that are organized and those who are in a position to move gets money easily and those that has to get out and scrape for it, are not going to be involved in that sugar pot.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I am opposed to the amendment. I keep trying to emphasize that we have to distinguish between the government and the political parties. More and more laws are going on the books that are confusing the two. It is alright to take tax money to support the operations of government, but to reduce the revenue of the state in order to support political parties is an entirely different issue and I think that we ought to keep this in mind as we vote on this particular bill. Senator Fellman is right when he says that there is no way, and I can think of no way that you could include independents in this. Being an independent is not to be a member of an independent party, it means that you do not belong to any of the parties that are recognized by the laws of this state, and currently the only political parties recognized are the democratic and republican parties. Now a lot of the practices of these two parties have become the law of the state, such as the actions in the primaries are binding on everybody that wants to vote in the state and I think that fewer and fewer laws ought to be put on the books which would tend to confuse political parties with the government. I am opposed to this bill and if you need