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LB 568

then the question before the House is the introduction of Request #790. It requires 30 votes. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays to introduce the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion passes. The bill is introduced. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 568. Read title. (See page 468, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Proceed then with the next Request #833, Miscellaneous. Chairman Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this request is a request by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee which would change some election law procedures to allow a political party to submit rules and regulations as to the election of delegates which would conform with the national rules of the Democratic Party which are presently in conflict with the present laws. Due to some changes by the National Compliance Committee, the Democratic Party is finding itself in a situation where we may have to go through a very complicated procedure which would require additional changes in the election law to provide for additional ballots for men and women and to deal with proportional representation. This would allow a political party to file rules and procedures with the Secretary of State prior to March 15th in order to comply with those national mandates. This bill really possibly or probably could be done now because of many court rulings which say that the parties must comply with national rules and that states and local governments and so forth would have to comply with whatever those national rules are. So for that reason it would just be a compliance thing. It shouldn't be terribly controversial and I ask for the introduction.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask a couple of questions of Senator Newell.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, will you respond?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Newell, could you elaborate for us a little bit more as to what the specifics in this bill might be? Is this to conform basically with the requirement that