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selecting their delegates, by chance, because the procedure of this bill would apply to both parties.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, Senator Warner, I can answer your question, and really, it is a two part question, and let me deal with both parts. Let me deal with the last part first to erase any fears that this is any sort of mandate on the Republican Party. This says, this bill says, a party may. So that really will be determined by the political party whether or not they will choose this course of action. Now the situation that you asked for is that we have two choices, we have a couple of choices, Senator Warner, one of them is to try to develop a very complicated election procedures for direct elections on the ballot and the other is to file these rules and procedures with the Secretary of State whereby we could insure proportional representation, the fifty-fifty split between men and women, and the at-large delegates that are required to be done at a convention where we are more likely to be able to get that necessary split to comply with the Democratic National Committee's rules regarding delegate selection procedures. So this in no way mandates both political parties to do that. It is only an option. In fact, the Democratic Party could, if they could comply in some way presently, and they might be able to do that with the two ballot procedure and so forth, one for men and one for women, we might even be able to have the elections on the primary ballots. So it is really an optional sort of a clause which gives the Democratic Party that opportunity. It is not mandatory in any way.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Newell, do you have any close? All right, the motion before the House is the introduction of a bill, Request #833 by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. I would remind the members the House is under Call. All members are to be at their desks. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays on the motion to introduce, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 569. Read title. (See page 469, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We will skip the Request #840 and go on to #842 by the Agriculture Committee. The Chair recognizes Senator