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LB 119, 223

PRESIDENT: Alright, so we'll move then to...on Final Reading to LB 119. Before we do that, the Chair would like to introduce some 37 eighth grade students, 2 teachers and 4 parents from St. Mary's School in David City, Nebraska, with Charles Vincent, Principal. They're in the south balcony. Would they wave to us that they're here, and welcome to your Legislature. We will now proceed then on Final Reading of LB 119, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 119.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 119 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The vote is 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 excused and not voting, and 4 present and not voting, Mr. President. (Record vote may be found on Page 928 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: LB 119 passes on Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, I believe there is a motion on the desk on LB 223. Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kelly moves to return LB 223 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is on Page 853 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the Nebraska Legislature, the purpose of the amendment to LB 223 is quite clear. It's introduced by me at the request of the city of Grand Island, quote, representing the municipal interests in this territorial fight with the rurals, and how they would be set up. And the request, as you will notice when you read the amendment, basically reverses the thrust of LB 223, instead of having the rurals on top, this amendment will put the municipals on top. What's new? The second part of this amendment, you should look at also. It changes the way the rurals will elect and nominate their Board of Directors, putting it on a one-man one-vote basis, as we do in almost all other political subdivisions, and this should be discussed also along with, what is the real proper perspective for the area around first class cities with municipal power plants...what is the real area that should be served by the muny, and what's the real area that should be served by the rurals, and I invite those people that would discuss this proposal to come ahead.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I did think Senator Kelly