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these individuals could campaign for himself or herself. So it would be clear that the law is not designed to prohibit individuals from running for office or campaigning in their own behalf. The committee amendment which placed a penalty in the law would remain there because I think it should be to guard against things that happened in Lancaster County, and if there is a penalty to bear, these officials will go slow in coercing their employees. That is the amendment. It is not antilaw enforcement. I hope that you will vote to add the amendment to this bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are now voting on the Chambers amendment to LB 484. Those in favor please vote green, opposed red. We have a request to read the amendment so, Mr. Clerk, will you do so please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Chambers amendment reads as follows: Reread amendment found on page 1130, Legislative Journal. Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: While you are voting, I would like to announce that Senator Keyes and Senator Lewis have guests in the North balcony today. Mr. William Buza is the Social Studies teacher and they have 45 seniors there from Platteview Senior High at Springfield, Nebraska. Would you please wave your hand so that we can welcome you? Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See page 1131, Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 24 nays, 3 excused and not voting, 12 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The motion fails.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Landis, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR LANDIS: I presume we are back to the issue of LB 484 as presented by Senator Newell, is that correct? I would like to address the original bill. If that is the case, I would like just to bring to the attention of the body a section of law that I think is highly pertinent to this issue. If you have a copy of the statutes before you, it is Chapter 32-1223 and it deals with coercion of political activity by an employer to an employee. Nebraska law has already addressed this issue as far as coercion is involved and we do have an existing prohibition against it. Let me read to you because I think it answers specifically the issue