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LB 54

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries and LB 328 is advanced to E & R initial. Before we proceed to the next bill the Chair would like to introduce first of all, over here in the South balcony, twenty five-third and fourth grade students, one teacher and four parents from St. John's Lutheran School in Seward, Nebraska, Senator Sieck's district. Linda Bartels is the teacher. They are up here in the South balcony. Would they wave to us. They are all looking down at us. Good morning and welcome to the Legislature. Turning your eyes now over to the North balcony we have some thirty-three members from the Gosper County Extension Club, Genevieve Wendelin. They are here in the North balcony. Would they stand up and be recognized? And welcome to you folks from Gosper County. Next bill on consent calendar will be LB 54.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 54.) The bill was first read on January 4. It was referred to the Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by Senator Keyes' Government Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes on the committee amendments.

SENATOR KEYES: I'm glad that you recognized me because I got on the air. LB 54 is a bill that deals with the political accountability and disclosure act, changing the membership and the committee amended the thing to do three different things. It changed the membership of the board from eight to nine giving it one more member and would provide for an equal political party representation with one member being from the Independent Party. There will be four Republicans, four Democrats and one Independent. It allows the Legislature to make, to approve or disapprove of the appointments and the future appointments shall come from the three congressional districts. I move for the adoption of the amendments to the bill and then Senator Cullan will explain the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh speaking to the amendments.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I realize that Senator Cullan is a registered Independent but it seems to me that this is saying something