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LB 54

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you want to make any comments? Okay, the motion is the addition of the emergency clause to LB 54. All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. We are adding the emergency clause to LB 54. The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Murphy now moves to amend and Senator Murphy's amendments are on page 1156 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Would the Clerk please read the amendment? What page did you refer to, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: 1156, Senator. Would you like me to read the amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: If you would, please.

CLERK: (Read Murphy amendment found on page 1156 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MURPHY: All right, I am back in the ballgame. Thank you. It has only been a year or two ago that we had an occasion where the Governor appointed a person to one of our commissions after a three day switch in their registration in order to bring it into conformance with our requirement to balance the party. In fact, the person had not been a member of the party and the switch in registration was made purely and simply to defeat the Legislature's intent in this matter and I would suggest that we require, if we are going to require a balance between parties, that we don't have a balance between parties with a registration that is still wet. I would recommend the adoption of this amendment to, in fact, assure that we are achieving the balance between parties that we are asking for in this bill. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak to the Murphy amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support Senator Murphy's amendment. I think it is an excellent amendment. I only wish that it could be applied across the board to the many other commissions and appointments that require some kind