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LB 54

introducing this issue was the issue of LB 369 which has brought before this Legislature, I am sure, more mail and stimulated more mail by the campaign run by the National Right to Work Committee out of Fairfax, Virginia. I feel as long as the sunshine act does not capture an outstate firm that mails across the entire state, enough mail to stimulate the largest mail receipt of this Legislature, that we have performed a sham upon the people of the State of Nebraska by appearing to have a political accountability act that Mickey Mouses and causes lots of problems for little people but does not capture or even attempt to capture an area of substantial involvement in the political spectrum such as this campaign accountability act. We have before this Legislature, lobbying groups that are spending no volunteer lobbyists that are required to lobby, report their activities before this Legislature and still at this point we are allowing a campaign organization out of a state, back in Virginia, to substantially influence public opinion on an issue in the State of Nebraska. I would also refer to the provisions when it comes under the lobbying provisions. It requires truth in circulation of material and I feel the National Right to Work Committee has substantially misrepresented the facts on LB 369 but still the commission cannot even approach this or look at this issue because they are not treated as a lobbying effort. The mail circulation said LB 369 would destroy the state's right to work law. The right to work law is in the constitution and LB 369 merely provided that management and labor could agree upon a checkoff for the portion only of dues that was attributable to those required parts of dues where the unions require to represent the nonunion worker for wages, benefits and grievances. It would not destroy the right to work law and this statement was false. It was circulated across the state. They also said it was pure compulsory unionism, pure and simple. I consider this a false and misleading statement circulated across the state and we have no way of capturing them or allowing even a check upon this National Right to Work Committee in this state or any other organization of its size and substance with a volume of money it has to work upon issues in the state. I would beg of this body that you vote this amendment onto LB 54. I would not desire you vote for this amendment if you would drop off the bill after voting for it but I think the honest lobbying activities, those presently required to register as lobbyists are entitled to the protection that those outside lobbying forces come under the same criteria as the people down here honestly registered to lobby before this organiza-