

For that reason the Democratic party needs to make some changes, and all this bill says is that the parties will have that right to make a change. Now the situation is this. The Governor has vetoed this bill, and it's a regrettable thing, because in my opinion I don't think the Governor truly understood just exactly what this issue is about. He was unable to contact me and discuss this bill with me. He was unable and did not contact the members of the Democratic national committee, that being the national committeeman and the state chairman, national committeewoman, since they are in Washington D.C. dealing with this very issue at a national convention. He made his decision based on what I think is probably some erroneous information. This delegate selection plan is not intended, and will not be in smoke-filled rooms. It will be at the state convention of the Democratic party. The delegates will have to be chosen or authorized, those people who are running by the candidates which they are pledged to, and this will be done with the Press and everyone there reporting upon what happens at this convention, so it is not, in fact, as the Governor has proposed, a smoke-filled room. It's not a backdoor sort of approach, etc. For that reason, I would explain one more primary fact, if the Democratic party is not allowed to choose its delegates, we may not be able, in fact we probably will not be able to somehow get this proper mix at the convention in the present system, so consequently what will happen, or what very well could happen, is that the Nebraska delegation will not be seated at the next national convention. Mr. President, and members of the body, that is a very serious and important problem and for that reason we need very much to override this bill and pass this proposal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read the motion.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell moves to pass LB 569 notwithstanding the objection of the Governor.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I have the following lights on, and if you don't wish to speak I would appreciate it if you would turn your light off. It's difficult moving from one item to the other. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: This is a very important issue and maybe it's not just an important issue to me but to thousands and thousands of other Nebraskans, and I hate to ask my colleagues to be a little more attentive, but