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LB 569

it would help if you could assist me and assist others who are interested in talking on this to get some order.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, your light is on. Do you wish to speak?

SENATOR KEYES: I do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR KEYES: Now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We're speaking...the Clerk will read the motion so we know exactly what the motion is. Do you want to read the motion, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: That LB 569 become law notwithstanding the objection of the Governor, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, fellow senators, I along with the rest of the people on the floor of this Legislature, the senators received a letter, respectfully, Charles Thone, Governor, the State of Nebraska. LB 569 would allow the national Democratic party to return the selection of national convention delegates to the smoke-filled room, and in the next paragraph he says, I for one will not lend my support to this step backward. If the Governor of the state of Nebraska wishes to become a part of the Democrat party, all he has to do is modify his ways, understand what goes on in this world and join it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would oppose the motion that was made by Senator Newell. I think that we understand the situation as Mr. Newell has it, and it is not necessary that it be done this way. We should still have a very democratic way of being able to file for an office and to run for that at the vote of the people, and be allowed to have our names placed on the ballot to become delegates to a convention rather than having someone else do it for us. I would object, and I...to the motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.