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LB 569

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I don't think in the foreseeable future that Senator Keyes is going to get his wish. I sure as hell hope not. In the first place, I would certainly support the Governor on this. I don't like the bill. I never liked the bill. I think it's going back to backroom politics in the convention process. We've been working very, very well on it, and I certainly would vote to sustain the veto. I voted against the bill to start with. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp's light is on. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I'd call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases, and Senator Newell, you are recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, this is a very important issue. It's not one of those that I would like to make a partisan issue. In fact, I've tried to keep from doing that, and I hope that we continue to do that and look at it in the context of just exactly what it is. It is an issue that is important to the Democratic party. It's important if we're going to seat our delegates at the national convention. It's important if we're going to comply with national rules. The Supreme Court has continually and very clearly stated that it is the power of the political parties to determine their own rules, and that local political parties must then conform. I think we could probably...this is extremely important. It should not be considered a vote of loyalty to the Governor, or whatever else. It should be considered exactly as it is. It is giving the Democratic party the right to comply with national rules so that its delegation can be seated at the national convention. With that I urge your support. You are the final judges in this matter. We must do what is right.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion...the Clerk will read the motion so that we know exactly how we're voting.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is that LB 569 become