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LB 261, 184

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to advance the bill?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, let me just close by making two brief remarks, Mr. Speaker. Number one, Senator Nichol is accusing me of having a hidden agenda with respect to this bill. Now I have indicated from the very beginning in the letter that was first distributed to this body that there is one judge from Omaha on the Supreme Court out of six and that the Omaha area has one-third of the population and that as Senator Barrett has indicated that is really not fair to that particular region of the state, particularly considering the fact that I would guess 45% or 50% of all the lawyers in the state live in the Omaha area. Now if this particular amendment passes, it is the case that within ten years or so there will be two judges from the five county Congressional District that comprises the Second Congressional District and I have never disclosed that, and the reason for this bill is to prevent the kind of gerrymandering in the future that has taken place in the past that has worked so unfairly against the Omaha area. Now, secondly, and Senator Nichol is chairman of the Judiciary Committee and I know that in that capacity he represents the interest of lawyers and judges around the state many times and as I indicated in the letter, the House of Delegates of the Bar Association consists of fifty-one lawyers from around the state and the House of Delegates unanimously endorses this proposal. The fifty-one delegates from all over the state endorse this proposal and I would ask Senator Nichol if he is going to be chairman of our Judiciary Committee that he should listen carefully to the proposals of the Nebraska Bar Association, particularly when they are presented in a unanimous fashion. I would move the advancement of this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 261 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of the bill to E & R for review, LB 261. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 14 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The Clerk will read some items in and then we will go to LB 108.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, Senator Fitzgerald would like to print amendments to LB 184 in the Legislative Journal. (See pages 255-256.)