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LB 18, 41

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 41 is advanced to E & R Initial. The next bill is LB 18.

CLERK: Read title. The bill was read on January 8, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Government Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, do you want to handle the amendment? It looks like the chair and the vice chair are absent so will you take the amendments too? The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I will, Mr. President. Thank you. The committee amendments on LB 18 were added to LB 18 by the committee at my request and I will be happy to handle their committee amendment. The amendment is simply, because of a mistake on my part when the bill was drafted, on page 2, line 8, before the word "Unicameral", insert "nonpartisan Unicameral" since that is what this body is by Constitution and it was very important to Senator George W. Norris that that word was in there. Nonpartisan was to Senator Norris almost as important part of establishing the Unicameral as the establishing of the Unicameral itself. I thought it was quite an oversight on my part that that word was not included and I would urge the body's adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner, speaking on the amendment. Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, I really wanted to speak to the bill but I do support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, any further discussion then on the committee amendment? If not, all those in favor of the committee amendment to LB 18 vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the amendment? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The committee amendment is adopted. Senator Vickers, do you have any further discussion on the bill itself? Senator Vickers, do you have any further discussion on the bill now?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President, I do think that it is important that this body, representing the people of the State of Nebraska, does pass this legislation to establish a Senator George W. Norris Day. Of course, I am double proud of Senator