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LB 541

South balcony some friends and visitors to the Legislature, guests of Senator Goll. They are from Hastings, Nebraska, a friend, Mrs. Tom Miller. Would Mrs. Miller stand and be recognized? Welcome to your Legislature, Mrs. Miller. The next bill on General File priority bills is LB 541, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 541 (read title). The bill was first read on February 2, referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol for purposes of discussing the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 541 removes the State Patrol from the Department of Roads and makes it a separate administrative department under the Governor. The Department of Roads is to transfer all vehicles, equipment, facilities, records and personnel under its control to the State Patrol. There also exists certain lease arrangements between the Department of Roads and the State Patrol and the Judiciary Committee amendments provide that all lease arrangements now existing would remain in full force and effect after the effective date of the act. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Judiciary Committee amendments on LB 541? If not, all those in favor of the Judiciary Committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 541? Record the vote.

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

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The committee amendments are adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, you may proceed to explain the bill. Senator Kahle, for what purpose? He will explain the bill and then we will call on you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 541 embodies one of the recommendations made by the Governor's Task Force on government improvement. The bill would reorganize the State Patrol as a separate administrative department under the Governor. Currently the Patrol