

be there to help register. Most places I think this is done by the League of Women Voters, but however, the counties...however, the schools, I should say, are very much interested in this same bill in order to get...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me a second. (Gavel.) There is still too much conversation in the center aisle. If you'd hold it down, we'd certainly appreciate it. Thank you, and thank you, Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. This amendment also is not designed to prohibit a group from advertising in advance that they will be sponsoring the voters. It's drafted only to prohibit advertisement or undue pressure for registration of voters. Hopefully with proper training and so on, that these deputy registrars will be able to alleviate a lot of the work from the county election commission or the county registrars, each day they must, by 6:00 p.m., turn in their total registration and by 6:00 p.m. on Friday night, the third Friday preceding an election. Douglas County has done this. I think they had gone from 150 up to 700 volunteer registrars and I believe of the 700, there were only two or three that they had to disqualify. So I think that the people are interested in doing this financially. I can't tell you how much savings to the county, but it's been considered to be about \$2,500 to Douglas County so this is a savings to the counties. And again, that we are a mobile society and people move about every two or three years. I believe that in one county where they did use more deputies it went up from 71 percent to 84 percent of the people registered to vote. And I think that this is a very simple bill, should be both parties together so it should not be political or a political gain for one party or the other, simply as a means to save money for the counties and also to get more people registered to vote, and I consider this a very clean bill and hope for your consideration.

SPEAKER NICHOL: If there is no further discussion, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of the bill. If you care to, please vote so we can move along. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 644.