

have gotten a little angry at me at time. Secondly, it is my 52nd birthday. I'm departing from the cake idea and I'm giving to you a gift that was given to me from Grant, Nebraska people because it is very popular. I'm sure you'll enjoy it. The Pages will be passing it out. Let me know what you think. I'd like to have you accept the gift on my behalf and the behalf of Grant. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Is that Keith County beef steak, is that what it is?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, sir, it's "munchies." It's very good.

PRESIDENT: We move to Select File, LB 548.

CLERK: Mr. President, 548 was considered yesterday. The E & R amendments were adopted at that time. An amendment from Senator Landis was adopted to the bill. I now have pending an amendment from Senator Beutler. (Beutler amendment is found on page 474 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler. May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope you will pay attention and get involved in this particular amendment because if you do not get involved in this amendment, if we do not adopt this amendment then basically I think we become a right to lie state. The effect of the amendment is to repeal the DeCamp amendment of last week. You may recall that the DeCamp amendment of last week struck from our statutes the provision that essentially prohibits politicians from lying in campaigns. Specifically the statute provides that no person shall, write, print, et cetera, place in the newspaper knowingly, knowingly, and it is important that you keep in mind that word knowingly, knowing that such letter contains a false statement of material fact. Those are the basic provisions of the statute. Senator DeCamp's amendment struck that statute and seems to give the message to politicians in the state that they are free to lie in campaigns. This is a statute that has been in place for about 10 years. I think this statute has had a positive effect on Nebraska campaigns. I think it has been helpful to the public and I think it has been