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CLERK: That's all Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will begin General File debate then this afternoon with LB983. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I hate to make beginning exceptions. But Senator Warner has a bill, 877. Which is quite important because it's a bill pertaining to elections. As we all know we should attempt to get these bills passed that are to be passed because they do clarify some things that people find very objectionable. I'd like to ask unanimous consent that Senator Warner be able to take up 877 now.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Carpenter asking unanimous consent to take up 877, at this particular time. Senator Epke do you object?

SENATOR EPKE: Mr. President, I don't object, but I ask him to pass over a bill yesterday. 1024 on account of an amendment, and this bill is also affected by a deadline of the 15th of March. So if I could I'd like to include with Senator Carpenter's motion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I have no objections.

PRESIDENT: All right, we will through in 1024 in the same motion then. So the motion now reading to take up LB 877 and then 1024, by Senator Epke. We are asking unanimous consent to consider those two bills so are there objections to the consideration of those two bills at this time. Hearing none. So ordered then. We will take up first then, change of plans. Switch to LB 877, Senator Warner's bill.

CLERK: Title read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: The..Mr. President, I move the adoption of the committee amendments. What the committee amendments does it two things. I think it's best by generally explain the bill, it will help explain the committee amendments, Mr. President. The 877 is some revision of two, 267 that was passed last session. Deals with corrupt practices act, or reporting for campaigns. The changes in the bill had in it, it includes Director of Natural Resource Districts which were not included before. And then secondly there's a definition of when a candidate becomes for reporting purposes which was vague in the old law, and under this statute they would be considered a candidate when they had publically announced, or made a public declaration they intended to file for a particular office. Then there was a section that was eliminated in Section 267, which was old law which would put a limit of \$1,000 on the contribution to any individual campaign. That was inadvertently repealed in 267, and had been on the books for a good many years, and was restated that same provision in the committee amendments as a penalty for violation of that. That's the first committee amendment to give someone who has donated over that, as an individual contribution, there is no penalty in the old law, now there would be. And then the other as clarification on what the treasurer of the Assistant treasurer has to report after a campaign is completed, and the void that was in the old or the statute that we passed last time that if there was debts or money left over that there was not a report as to how those campaign expenses were eventually disposed of, and this merely require that, and the last part, the other part of the committee amendment in 267 we had a provision that prohibited anyone having