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SENATOR MARVEL: 251? I'm going to make the motion, Mr. President, to adopt the committee amendments and I'll let Senator Marsh explain them, if that's alright with you.

SPEAKER: Motion has been made. Is there a second? Motion made and seconded to adopt the committee amendments. Senator Marsh you may proceed.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes. Mr. Speaker, the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women, at the present time, does not have the words spelling out their ability to accept contributions or to apply for Federal funds. This is the purpose of Section 4 amendment. The others are corrective words. I move the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 251.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? The question is, shall the amendments be adopted. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on motion to adopt the amendments.

SPEAKER: What will we do with the bill Senator Marsh?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I move we advance LB 251. After making the motion I would like to explain the purpose of LB 251. When the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women was established it was just what the name implies, a commission which the Governor established and to which he appointed members, no funding from state dollars. In the meantime the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women has become a state commission. It no longer is the private property of the Governor. I have proposed that we now change the name and delete the word "Governor's Commission" since it is now the Nebraska commission and is our vehicle for women across the State of Nebraska to serve in this capacity. The other states have state commissions so I am proposing that the new name be the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women. In the present legislation there are 40 spots in statute for this commission. I am proposing that this be changed to 36 members, 6 from each of the 6 judicial districts of the State of Nebraska, so there will be representation, equal representation, from each judicial district. There, currently, are only 31 women serving on this commission so there still are vacancies which need to be filled. In order to equally divide the 6 judicial districts I propose that we make the change to 36 members from each of these areas. I move we advance LB 251 to E & R initial.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion? The question is, shall LB 251 be advanced to E & R for initial. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on motion advance.

SPEAKER: LB 474.

CLERK: Read bill.