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LB 337A
LR 248

voters is someone who is of legal voting age, is a resident of the state, but has filed to vote with either the county clerk in their county or the election commissioner in that county. This is a provision that, because of a number of problems that have come up with regard to initiative and referendum petition drives in the past, the discrepancy over whether or not one must be a registered voter with regard to signing these petitions, my intent here is to clarify that, to bring this before the people of the State of Nebraska, have them vote on that and basically put into the Constitution what is in practice today. We had a hearing on this. There were... Secretary of State Beermann testified in support of the bill as did the League of Women Voters and others. We had this hearing at the same time we had the hearing on LB 1098 which is the second half of a two-part proposal that I have to straighten out the initiative and referendum petition laws, but this is the first. It's my priority bill and I think that the body needs to discuss the issue if they feel a need. If not, I would have no problem having it advanced over to E & R, Mr. President. I would answer any questions there might be.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on advancement of LR 248CA.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. May I introduce some guests, please. Senator Remmers has a guest. Under the south balcony, is Mark Guilliat and he his grandson from Fremont, Nebraska. Would you please stand, Mark, so that we can welcome you to the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Korshoj has some guests under the south balcony. We have Holger Korshoj and his daughter, Kara Korshoj and also Kara Lee Kessler and they all live in Senator Pirsch's district in Omaha. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We'll move on to LB 337A on Select File.

CLERK: Mr. President, 337A was reported to Select File last year. It was considered on May 5 of last year. On May 27 last year Senator Johanns had an amendment to the A bill that was adopted. Pursuant to that action, Mr. President, Senator Chambers then made a motion to amend. Senator, actually I have your amendment pending.