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LB 54

you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Murphy's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Senator Cullan, what do you want to do with the bill? I'm sorry. Excuse me then. Just a moment. I thought we were ready to advance. Underneath the South balcony as guests of Senator Nichol, it is my privilege to introduce to you, William Brennan from Scottsbluff and family. Mr. Brennan is interested in KSTF-TV and his son, Shawn Brennan and family are also with them and Shawn, if I have this right, Senator Nichol, was admitted to the bar today. Shawn, where are you? There you are. Congratulations and hello to the rest of the family. Now what is the next amendment to LB 54?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burrows now moves to amend LB 54. It is a two page amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you wish to explain your amendment?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I feel this is a quite important amendment but I think it is a correction of an oversight of the Legislature when we passed the original sunshine act. In the act we have captured and forced to report any major effort in the state to lobby or mail out an issue such as the bottle bill or a ballot issue. However, we failed to capture in the act, a major mail out or political campaign against an issue before the Legislature or against other political issues in the state. What this amendment does, it provides that any person, and if you will check back through the act, the word "person" is broadly defined, includes any organization that would capture or go into the lobbying business, that solicits or collects in dues or any form in excess of \$1,000 and expends these funds or sources to affect a political issue. I feel \$1,000 is an issue that will keep this amendment from clouding or muddying up the issue for any of the small people in the state and a level that will capture any substantial effort to affect statewide legislation. I think this was an oversight originally and much of this bill originally was written out here on the floor by amendment so I don't feel amending this bill to take care of it is setting any new precedent that was not already set when we passed the original sunshine act. My reason basically for