

commissioner of one party, and the deputies of another party, that that might have been a good avenue. And I think what Senator Warner has here is a...still maintains what he was concerned with, and that is not having one party dominate the staff of this election office, probably in a little more workable fashion than what we adopted this morning. So I certainly do support Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Schimek, did you wish to address? Anyone else to discuss the Warner amendment? Senator Warner, did you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment by Senator Warner. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Warner amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 579? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Conway, can I ask you a couple of real quick questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway, would you yield, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Sure.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Conway, throughout the debate on this bill, as I've sat and listened and gone back home, one prevailing thought seems to come back to people, and I'd like you to respond in a fashion so when I go back to my groups and speak to them, and the concern is that we know there are some problems in the election process. However, creating this new bureaucracy, this new solve-all panel and so on, is this just another form of government gone wild and do we really need these things? And how would you, as chair of the committee, respond to that so that we can also talk to our constituents about that observation or question that people have?