

File, LB 172 Select File, LB 860 Select File, Mr. President.
(See page 1316 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 399, a bill by Senator Brashear and others.
(Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12 of this
year. At that time, it was referred to the Government, Military
and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to
General File. I do have committee amendments pending,
Mr. President. (See AM0645 as found on page 1097 of the
Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson, for the committee amendments
to LB 399.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this
bill deals with amending the Nebraska Political Accountability
and Disclosure Act, to limit the loans given to candidate
committees. The committee amendment makes several changes to
Section 2 of the bill, and, in effect, becomes the bill. The
amendment first states that prior to or during the first 30 days
after the formation of a candidate committee, the committee
shall not accept more than \$15,000 in loans. The original bill
had set this amount at 5,000. After the 30-day period until the
end of the term of the office which the candidate sought, the
committee shall not accept loans in an amount of more than
50 percent of the contributions of the money the candidate
committee has received at the date of the loan. The candidate
committee is prohibited from paying interest in consideration of
a loan to the candidate, a member of the candidate's family, or
any business with which the candidate is associated. The
committee amendment also sets forth a penalty provision. The
penalty shall be a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000, and
not more than the amount of money received by the candidate
committee in violation of this section. I believe that the
committee amendment makes changes to the bill that correct the
problems that surfaced after its introduction but keeps the
original intent of LB 399 intact. I would urge the body to
adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR LINDSAY PRESIDING

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator
Chambers, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I