

those related to the candidate as defined by the act. During the course of dialogue on General File Senator Hall and I discussed the minimum \$1,000 penalty that was then provided in the act. This amendment simply changes the minimum fine by the Accountability and Disclosure Commission to \$250. In the dialogue we identified the concept that it might be possible for someone to have an accidental, unintentional violation of only a few dollars going over the cap, the 50 percent cap. I agreed with Senator Hall that we ought to reduce the fine in that instance. He will certainly speak for himself if he cares to. But we have also had discussion it is not our intent, and we want to make a record in that regard by this amendment to lessen the penalty that would be imposed in the event of a deliberate, intentional violation of the public policy established by this statute. With that, I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Would recognize guests of Senator Hudkins. We have 16 fourth grade students from Waterloo Elementary School in the north balcony along with their teacher. Would you all stand and be recognized, please. Senator Hall, for discussion on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Brashear's amendment, I cosponsored it with him. I appreciate his willingness to work on this issue. I would echo his comments and urge adoption of the amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall. No further lights. Is there any closing, Senator Brashear? Closing is waived. Question is the adoption of the Brashear amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advance...or adoption, excuse me, of Senator Brashear's amendment to LB 399.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I'd move to advance LB 399 to