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and Labor to whom was referred LB 337 instructs me to report the same to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File. Signed, Senator Maresh. Mr. President, a Reference Committee Report will be inserted in the Journal referring LB 521 to 523. Committee on Committees' will be inserted in the Journal, Mr. President. Mr. President, a new resolution introduced by Senators Mills, Lewis and Fowler, regarding petroleum problems, recommending state officials responsible for public buildings to review existing hot water systems.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

CLERK: (Read LR 39).

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SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Could we have more order in the Chamber please for Senator Richard Lewis of Holbrook, Nebraska.

CLERK: The resolution is found on page 970 of the Journal.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: As all of you members know there is a lot of publicity been given to the energy, perhaps it's an energy management problem at the moment. The Executive Board of the Legislature appointed a subcommittee within that Board to serve on the Governors' Energy Council, a committee made up of Senator Fowler, Senator Mills and myself. One of the things where we feel some emphasis should be given is in the new public buildings being paid for and constructed within the State of Nebraska. Any of those buildings that could utilize solar heat, this should be recognized at this time and be a factor included in the management and the planning of these buildings. We feel that it would be much more advisable to recognize it at this time then to try to go back ten years from now, ten years later when we feel that the energy situation is going to be much more acute and try and renovate these buildings and adapt them at that time. With this in mind, this committee is presenting this resolution to the body. We would hope that you would give it favorable consideration. I move the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I think Senator Richard Lewis has pretty well explained the amendment. I think it is worth pointing out that this is not any sort of effort by the Legislature to get in any sort of one-upmanship with the Executive Branch. They're already involved in looking at this question. I think in the area of energy we can work cooperatively, the Legislature and the Executive Branch, to review areas such as this to make sure that we get into a program that is going to help us conserve energy and use our resources wisely. The energy task force discussed this. We've talked with other people involved in this. We feel that a legislative resolution would help encourage this effort so we can work together in this area. I'd urge that this be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, Senator Fowler and Senator Mills, the Chair would like to advise you that the Governor did appoint me to review some of these plans with DAS. I can

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