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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burrows asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 828 in the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, Senator Barnett asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 701 in the Journal. Mr. President, your Committee on Appropriations whose Chairman is Senator Warner to whom is referred LB 840 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File. 946 advanced to General File with amendments.

SENATOR BARNETT: LB 855.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 855.) The bill was read on January 16th. It was referred to the Government Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, this is a very simple bill. It has no fiscal impact. It has no additional holidays for state employees. It simply rearranges them slightly. Most of you remember that the federal government established what is called a President's Day which is the third Monday in February and Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays are still not changed. Their anniversaries are not changed except they do not grant holidays for these so this would leave us one day less than the employees have had before. So now then we are suggesting that this be granted on the Friday following Thanksgiving. Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 585 (sic.) to E & R Initial.

SENATOR BARNETT: How about 855?

SENATOR RUMERY: 855, thank you.

SENATOR BARNETT: Is there any discussion on LB 855. You've all heard the motion. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, once again I want to know, are we taking and changing the birthdates of George and Abe and putting them sometime in March and sometime in the fall? I didn't get down to hear Senator Rumery talk. Senator Rumery could you tell me if that's what we're doing?

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, the celebration of their birthday, Senator Keyes, the birthdays will not be changed. Nobody can change that. Even their mothers can't. The only thing is the observance will not be held on each of those days and sometimes they haven't been anyway but the federal government set up this schedule a few years ago and the thing that we have had to contend with is that federal offices were closed, some of the banks were closed and some of the state offices were open so that it has been somewhat of a state of confusion all along and this way it will put all of the workers of the state and federal government and banks etc., observing the same holidays.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Senator Rumery, I think you have given one of the best speeches that I have heard to leave it just like it is in Nebraska. The federal government has got so many things messed up, pardon my word I was just about to use, all messed up and create such a monstrosity so if you want to take my advice, let's keep Nebraska clean and clear and let's