

SPEAKER NICHOL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 48.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have some reports that I have received. I have the biennial report from the State Treasurer, the report from the State Board of Landscape Architects, a report from the State Patrol, report from the Investment Council and finally a report from the Department of Social Services.

Finally, Mr. President, I have a request from Senator Higgins to add her name to LR 28.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: That is all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will move on to LR 49. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 49 was offered by Senators Pappas, Landis, Miller, Rod Johnson, Carsten, Barrett, Sieck, Eret, Chizek and Beyer. It is found on page 492 of the Journal. (Read LR 49.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, are you going to begin? All right.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, this is Senator Pappas' resolution which he introduced and I kind of share it with him. I said, well, I was going to do the same thing, so now he says I should take the lead in supporting this resolution. I think this is an answer to our present problem. We have a crisis here in...

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Sieck has the floor, please hold it down so we can hear what he is saying. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR SIECK: At the present time we really truly have a crisis in agriculture in Nebraska, but we also have a crisis of a different sense in Africa. What this resolution says that we will sponsor a state or a country in Africa and the country that we would sponsor would be Mauritania. It is in the northern section of Africa near Morocco, just north of