

All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the confirmation report as offered by the Government Committee.

PRESIDENT: The confirmation report is adopted. Move on to number 7, please, LB 661.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 661 was a bill introduced by Senators Barrett, Warner, Hall Labeledz, Hannibal, Scofield, Landis, Hefner, McFarland, Wesely, Lowell Johnson and Shirley Marsh. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23 of this year. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Business and Labor Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Barrett, before you begin, may I introduce a guest of Senator Coordsen, Jean Debusc, under the south balcony, from DeWitt, Nebraska. Would you please stand. Oh, excuse me, under the north balcony. Thank you. Under the north balcony. Thank you. Speaker Barrett, I understand we wish to explain the bill a little first before we take up the committee amendments. Is that right?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Al. right, Senator Barrett.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. I think we owe it to the body to explain the bill very briefly in opening remarks. I will share the time, hopefully, with Senator Warner, who is perhaps even a little closer to it than I, and then perhaps go to the committee amendments. The Paschler Report, most of you are familiar with, was a result of a joint interim study by the Legislature's Business and Labor Committee and the Appropriations Committee. And the bill itself does embody the Paschler Report on collective bargaining and it was completed during the 1986 interim. The changes in collective bargaining, as provided in the bill, are needed because of a 1985, March 1985 State Supreme Court decision which said simply that state employees have the right to take wage disputes to the Commission of Industrial Relations. So, under the bill itself, 661, employees, state employees, that is, are divided into 12 horizontal bargaining units and these units are based,