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PRESIDENT: Let's come back to order, please, and check in when you come back so we can see where we are, if you would, please. Please check in when you get back to the Chambers, please. Speaker Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate the fact that so many of you have come back. I am a little bit concerned about those who have not returned to the Chamber as yet. It was my hope that we could continue to process another amendment or two on 1232 before we adjourn for the day. There is, apparently, some discussion about a meeting at six o'clock between some people who would like to talk further about pickles. In that case, because of a few people that haven't returned yet, and because there will be further discussion about pickles around six o'clock, it occurs to me that we should jump over 1232, why beat ourselves over the head for another hour? Let's jump to the next bill on the agenda, Mr. President, with the body's permission, try to handle 881 and whatever else we might be able to do for the day.

PRESIDENT: Very good, thank you. LB 881 it is. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 881 was a bill that was introduced by Senators Abboud, Goodrich, Schellpeper, Lynch and Morehead. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Abboud, on the bill.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, I introduced this bill in behalf of Douglas County and the Nebraska County Officials Association. It is a bill that would establish a voluntary work relief program that could be established by the counties. This is strictly a bill that deals with local control. At the current time county officials, they have no particular guidelines in establishing, or allowing their establishment of work relief programs if they so choose to establish them because of state laws that we passed in '83, I believe '83, '84, or,