

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Before going to the...Senator Warner, just give me one minute to introduce some people in the balcony and then I'll let you talk. We do have, as guests in the south balcony this morning, 34 second graders from Everett Elementary in Lincoln, Nebraska with their teacher Pam Sullivan. Would you all stand up and let your Legislature welcome you, please. Thank you for being with us this morning. Senator Warner, on LB 1290.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd ask unanimous consent to bracket the bill till March 2nd.

SENATOR CROSBY: A unanimous consent request for...to bracket LB 1290 till March 2nd. Are there any objections? Seeing none, the motion is adopted, the bill is bracketed until March 2nd. The next bill on the agenda is LB 1337. Mr. Clerk, do you have things for the record?

CLERK: I do, Madam President, thank you. A new A bill, LB 885A by Senator Kristensen. (Read by title for the first time. See pages 902-03 of the Legislative Journal.)

Natural Resources Committee, chaired by Senator Beutler, reports LB 975 to General File, LB 1170 General File, LB 1038 indefinitely postponed, LB 1125 indefinitely postponed. (See page 902 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, LB 1337 was introduced by Senator Hillman and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20 of this year, referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments pending to the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hillman, to open on LB 1337.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam Chair and members, LB 1337 deals primarily and totally with job training, job training for existing businesses in the State of Nebraska. We talk a lot about economic development, what needs to be done, incentives and looking at jobs, bringing in jobs and what we can do to improve the economic status in the State of Nebraska. Last year during the interim we had a study, interview process that went on throughout the state between the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Labor. It was on job training and the high priority that companies have given to job training