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LB 87A, 267, 637A, 822, 878, 881  
LR 263

communication re LB 878.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, a new A bill. (Read LB 637A by title for the first time.) Bills read on Final Reading were presented to the Governor at 9:30. (Re LB 822, LB 87A, and LB 267.) A new resolution, LR 263, be laid over. And a series of appointments from the Governor. Those will be referred to Reference. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 2190-2198.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion on committee amendments to LB 881? Senator Landis, thank you for your patience.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Governor (sic), members of the Legislature. I support the amendments and the bill. Why would I, someone from Lincoln, where, when money is spent in a state budget, it helps our local economy; why would I, a member of the opposite political party, why would I support the Governor's package? The answer is that I support LB 881. I think it is a necessary and valuable addition to the debate this state had last year when we debated the Initiative 413. You might remember what those of us who spoke against 413 said because, although we said a number of things, we gradually got down to one message and the one message was, pass 413 and property tax relief is dead, you can't get there from here. You can't get to property tax relief if you curb state authorities in the way that 413 did. And of all the messages we used, that was the one that prevailed and you had citizens choosing one of two ways of seeing things. Number one, I want my sales and income tax dollars controlled under 413; or, I want my property tax relief controlled through the use of sales and income tax dollars and, therefore, I can't use 413. When the time came, we didn't say to the state, think of all the great property tax relief we've already given you. We said, essentially, you can't get to the property tax relief you want if you do 413. Now, frankly, there's a lot of credit that we should get for some property tax relief. We've done a lot of good things. As a matter of fact, the things that the...this state has done on state aid to education has been very valuable, particularly to schools. It's been okay for property tax relief, but it's been very good for schools and I'm grateful for every dollar we spent on that