regarding LB 346, to be inserted, Mr. President. (See pages 1069-73 of the Legislative Journal.)

And the last item I have is LR 50 is ready for your signature, Mr. President. And that's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 50. Before proceeding, Senator Wehrbein is announcing the following guests are visiting the Legislature. In the north balcony we have 50 junior and senior high students of the Senior Government and Business Law class from Palmyra, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're delighted to have you with us this morning. Mr. Clerk, confirmation report.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Education Committee reports on the appointment of Ms. Demarus Carlson of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. The report is found on 1035 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Education Chairman Senator Ron Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the Education Committee heard a...had a public hearing on the Governor's appointment of Demarus Carlson to serve on the Board of Education Lands and Funds. We were favorably impressed, particularly when Senator Elroy Hefner came forward to put his neck on the line on behalf of this nominee. The committee reported the recommendation favorably to the floor and the committee urges your favorable consideration of this gubernatorial appointment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I just want to rise in support of the amendment...the resolution. I think that Ms. Carlson is a long-time friend and her husband is a long-time associate of mine in the practice of veterinary medicine. They are very public-spirited, public-minded people, have served in various capacities as state appointees and I think that she is a very qualified individual for this particular appointment. Thank you.