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LB 99, 546, 548, 582A, 582, 608, 637
761, 777, 790

Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District and the Nebraska Public Power District is opening an exhibit in our Rotunda at this point. The exhibit is open to the public. Everyone is invited to attend. And, finally, an announcement of considerable concern, or it should be, to this entire body, the final score in last night's practice game or preseason basketball game, staff-66, senators-47. The good news is that there were no fatalities. The call is raised. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LB 790, LB 777, LB 637, LB 608, LB 582A, LB 582, LB 548, LB 546, and LB 99. Senator Dierks, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DIERKS: Personal privilege.

SPEAKER BARRETT: State your point.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I just wanted to assure the senators that the reason for the good news was that the team physician was absent last night.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The team physician was absent last evening? Thank you, sir. That's for the good of the order. Mr. Clerk, proceed to General File, special order, LB 761.

CLERK: Mr. President, 761 was the bill introduced by the Natural Resources Committee. (Read title.) The bill was discussed yesterday, Mr. President. At that time, the committee amendments were adopted along with a series of amendments to those committee amendments. Mr. President, the first item I have on the bill this morning is an amendment by Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks' amendment is on page 1694 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, we discussed this amendment a little bit yesterday so you have an idea of what we're talking about. This amendment requires voter approval by citizens of a county prior to the issuance of a license to site a facility. It seems a little bit strange to me that I have to stand here to justify this requirement, this requirement of local election, for specific reasons which I think are obvious, they're obviously consistent with Nebraska's traditional philosophy of local control, sovereignty of our citizens. More specifically, I believe the state made a pledge