

may. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 302.

PRESIDENT: LB 302 is advanced. Senator Wehrbein would like to have a moment to speak to you about his drinking habits. Senator Wehrbein, please. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just want to take a point of personal privilege to acknowledge the apple cider from the Nebraska City orchards, three orchards there, presented on behalf of the Arbor Day ceremonies coming up this weekend. If you recall, we changed the Arbor Day celebration last year in this body to be the last Friday of April and that's coming up this weekend and I just wanted to acknowledge that and thank them for furnishing the apple cider.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Thank you very much, appreciate it. LB 303.

CLERK: Mr. President, 303 was a bill introduced by Speaker Barrett at the request of the Governor. (Title read.) The bill was...

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there are no amendments to the bill. The bill reflects the appropriation by agency and reflecting the type of coverage that each employee may individually have within agencies for the coverage of health insurance. You will recall that the...both under the bargaining agreements and, in fact, in practice, the employees pay 20 percent of the cost of health insurance and the state pays 80 percent with...may vary where you have higher coverages totally, something less if you have higher coverage, which you individually pay. What I should also indicate though, as you have read in the paper, there has been some questions raised on the insurance coverage and as the committee is still reviewing that, as I believe the administration is, we have under consideration at the moment but have not officially done it yet, but to possibly hire a consultant to review some of these issues to see whether or not any other adjustment which has been suggested should or can appropriately be made but we do not have a recommendation as to that point yet. But the bill as