

SPEAKER BARRETT: It occurs to the Chair that perhaps this bill should suddenly be removed from the agenda. Any discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of LB 983 please say aye. Opposed no. The ayes have it. The motion does carry. LB 983 is advanced, and that concludes Select File consent calendar bills. Thank you. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding to General File, Mr. Clerk, committee priority bills, LB 315.

CLERK: Mr. President, 315 was as bill introduced by Senators Lindsay, Hall, Schimek and Labeledz. (Read title.) The bill was discussed by the Legislature yesterday afternoon, Mr. President. The committee amendments were presented. There was an amendment to the committee amendments offered by Senator Coordsen that was adopted. I then had...committee amendments were then adopted, Mr. President. Senator Hefner and Coordsen then moved to amend. That amendment is pending. I did have an amendment to that amendment that was adopted offered by Senator Coordsen, so what is pending, Mr. President, is AM2508, offered by Senator Hefner and Senator Coordsen. You will find it in your bill books.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner for the purpose of a continued discussion of AM2508. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, what this does, this amendment would disqualify individuals from unemployment insurance benefits for any week that the employee was dismissed for illegal drug use. I think we discussed this very thoroughly yesterday and also adopted to this amendment was an amendment offered by Senator Coordsen which provided a way that this would be paid. Instead of receiving unemployment compensation benefits, they would receive money from another fund, a Contingency Fund that he proposed, and I think that's a good idea and that's about all I have to say. If there is any questions, I'd be real...I'll try to answer them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Hefner. We do have a pending amendment from Senator Hall. Is anyone prepared to handle that amendment? Apparently not. Before proceeding then, the Chair is pleased to note that we have some very special guests under our north balcony. We have Tom and Joan Sieck and