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LB 1031
LR 279

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 279 is adopted. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, just one, I have a reference report referring certain gubernatorial appointments to the appropriate Standing Committee for confirmation hearing. That is signed by Senator Labedz as Chair. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to note that Senator Johnson has 40 seventh graders in our south balcony from Sandy Creek, Nebraska, and their teachers. Would you folks please rise and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. Welcome to the Unicameral. Mr. Clerk, proceeding to General File, appropriations bills, LB 1031.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1031 is, of course, the deficit appropriations bill, has been discussed the previous two days. Committee amendments were adopted yesterday, Mr. President. I now have pending an amendment to the bill offered by Senator Baack and a number of the members. The amendment is found on page 1281 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this amendment to 1031 is in response to some action that we took in the Legislature, oh, a little...not quite a year ago on the final day of the session when we, as a body, overrode the Governor's veto of some dollars out of the budget. She had vetoed some dollars out of the Lincoln Medical Education Foundation Family Residency Program and in the Legislature we then overrode that veto and it was an override...I think there were \$386,000 in there for this year and approximately \$395,000 for next year. We overrode that veto. We subsequently sent a letter to the Attorney General asking him whether or not we could override only a portion of the Governor's veto over a portion of the university's budget. The answer came down, no, we could not, we could not do that. So we had to either override all of the veto for the university budget or let it all, all of the veto stand. So, at that point, I committed myself to then putting, to put in a deficit appropriation this year. The Lincoln Medical Center agreed to go ahead and continue funding of this program as long as I would put in a deficit appropriation this year. That's