

April 4, 1990

LB 247, 431A  
LR 239

SPEAKER BARRETT: I move we recess...move we recess until 1:30.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. We are recessed until 1:30. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: At the introducer's request, we are going to skip LB 431A and begin with LR 239CA. Where were we, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, on 239CA, the resolution has been considered. Certain amendments have been offered and adopted. There was a motion to pass it over yesterday, Mr. President. I now have pending a priority motion from Senator Withem to bracket LR 239 until Monday, April 9, 1990.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, this is a motion that is more to get a sense of the body and what the direction the body would like to go with this particular piece of legislation this year. I think it is important that we do that. Last year, as a Legislature, we passed LB 247. It did two things. Number one, the most obvious, most apparent thing that we did is we passed a bill to put Kearney from the state college system into the university system. That matter is still pending before the Supreme Court. We may have a ruling on that I suppose as early as this Friday, perhaps sometime after this Friday. The other thing we did is as a Legislature we said, collectively, we are frustrated with the way higher education is currently being governed and the lack of coordination therein. We want somebody from outside the state to come forward, take a look at our entire system, make some recommendations to us. We hired Widmayer and Associates. They came into our state, spent the summer, the fall, on into the winter. They crafted a recommendation to us that the