

end of three days, my friend went to the room with the pessimist and walked in and said, well, how has life been for the last three days and he said, aw, terrible. Said, terrible? Haven't you been watching the VCR? Aw, I've seen all those movies before. Well, what about the computer? Oh, I couldn't figure out how to work it and probably if I would have figured it out to work, I wouldn't have liked those games anyway. Well, what about the stereo? Oh, nobody uses a stereo anymore. Well, what about the bike? Well, there is no room to move with a bicycle in this room. She said, okay, I think I understand what a pessimist is. So she went to the room where the optimist was and she opened the door and much to her shock, here is the 7-year-old optimist running around the room, digging through the horse manure, shoveling it all over the place and my friend said to him incredulously, what are you doing? And the little 7-year-old optimist looked up at her with great excitement and anticipation in his eyes and said, I figure anywhere there is this much horse manure, there's got to be a pony. I'm an optimist. I'm always looking for ponies. You're not being asked to vote yea or nay on this bill today. I'm asking you to help me bring it out of the committee onto the floor for thoughtful consideration by all of you. Give me a chance to find the pony. I'm willing to dig through the horse manure in order to find it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to raise LB 699 from committee. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We have a request for a roll call vote. Please proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See page 852 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 20 nays, Madam President, on the motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Motion fails and LB 699 is not raised from committee. Senator Morrissey. The call is now raised. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Your Committee on Natural Resources whose Chair is Senator Johnson reports LB 51 to General File, LB 403, General File; LB 772, General File; LB 212, General File with amendments and LB 270, General File with amendments; LB 339, General File with amendments; LB 571, indefinitely postponed, those offered by Senator Johnson. Transportation Committee reports LB 126 to General File; LB 408,