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LB 567A, 610, 1080-1090  
LR 231

Mr. Clerk, would you proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote read. See page 253 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The resolution is adopted. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk? New bills?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, a hearing notice from the Natural Resources Committee offered by Senator Schmit as Chair.

New bills: (Read LBs 1080-1090 by title for the first time. See pages 254-56 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Withem has amendments to be printed to LB 567A and Senator Smith to LB 610.

Mr. President, I have a priority motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on adoption of LR 231.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if the Legislature is going to try to impose some kind of conduct on the other members, it should at least be done by a majority vote of the members of the Legislature. That resolution did not get a majority vote, and I'll tell you something else. The Legislature is governed by the Constitution, the Legislature is also governed by the statutes and the Legislature is governed by its rules. What happens in this Legislature is determined by rules. This resolution did not amend the rules. This resolution's contents does not constitute a rule. It's just a statement and it was passed by less than a majority of the members of the Legislature. So I think it ought to be reconsidered and I think when that next vote is taken we should defeat the resolution and you should put

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LB 159, 259, 259A, 534, 601, 730, 769  
818-820, 1088

PRESIDENT: Yes, Senator Bernard-Stevens, we're back to your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I guess I'd like to have a clarification in my mind and, Senator Chambers, I guess I'll ask you a question if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, I guess mentally I need to toughen up a little bit. The vote that we just took, was that the reconsideration on your motion to override the Chair in regards to ceasing debate, or was that the vote as I think it was in order to allow senators to divide the question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, what you said the second time. That vote was on the original.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's what I thought. Okay, at least I'm still with it. Mr. President, at this point I'd like to do what Senator Lindsay basically has asked to do in a different manner. I move we adjourn.

PRESIDENT: Before we take that motion, Mr. Clerk, do you have some things for the record so that we can continue with that?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have...Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 159 and recommend that same be placed on Select File. (See page 470 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have notice of hearing from the Retirement Systems Committee. That is signed by Senator Haberman.

Enrollment and Review reports LB 259, LB 259A, LB 534, LB 601, LB 730, LB 818, LB 819, LB 820 as correctly engrossed. (See page 470 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, your Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance to whom is referred LB 1088 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File. (See page 471 of the Legislative Journal.)

year but you've got to look at this as an investment in trying to bring back investment opportunities to Nebraska and to our businesses. And this is not a farmers' bill. This is a bill designed to help all of the industries and all of the people of Nebraska equally and, quite frankly, I think it's an area that we should be aggressively involved in and all we do by not participating is miss opportunities that could present themselves to us for our state. So I strongly urge the Legislature to advance this bill today.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Nelson and Senator Baack.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members, I would rise in support of this legislation as well and indicate that I have discussed with Senator Johnson the provisions of the bill. I, too, introduced a bill on foreign trade assistance, LB 1088, the Foreign and Domestic Trade Assistance Act, and I know Senator Brad Ashford had legislation as well before the Banking and Commerce Committee. We did consider those pieces of legislation and advanced 1088. The thought is to work with Senator Johnson and Senator Ashford and see about merging those concepts together, perhaps on Select File, and I think that would be appropriate. But certainly we're all headed in the same direction, that our state is one of the last to recognize the need to provide assistance for foreign trade exporting and also to recognize that our role as a state is to assist the business community in this endeavor. I recently had the opportunity as a representative of the National Conference of State Legislatures to travel to Japan as a part of a delegation over there. There I met with a number of individuals and particularly met with the state office representatives of the 40 some states that have offices in Japan. I was a little embarrassed to tell them about the initiatives in Nebraska which are next to nothing. There is but one full-time staff person dealing with export assistance and another staff person in DED looking at perhaps assisting some investment in the state. That perhaps is the least strenuous effort of any state in the country to get into this issue and at a time at which we all recognize the world is becoming smaller, much closer to us, that we have the changes in eastern Europe, we have the changes in the Pacific rim, we have around us a world economy that is open to us and available to us if only we will recognize the opportunity that we have it. We did have for a short time an office in Germany. It was a failure and I think part of the reason is we didn't have the

it's an issue which is based on moral, religious, ethical principles and there is not going to be a resolution, so I will write them what my view is but not try to change their mind and that I have no expectation of doing that. What we're doing here is expressing our opinions and not one vote is going to change, not one mind-set is going to be altered. But I do believe things should be put into the record because there is an educational function that must be served by the Legislature and the record of what we do and say emerges from our debates. So, for that reason, as long as we discuss this issue and whenever we discuss it, I'm going to put into the...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...record those things I think ought to be there.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, you have a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a priority motion. Senator Korshoj would move to adjourn until Monday morning, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. May I read some items, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you items to read in?

CLERK: Very quickly. Senator Barrett has amendments to be printed to LB 1153. (See pages 1759-61 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Haberman would like to add his name to LB 1184, LB 1229, LB 610, LB 431 and LB 1088 as co-introducer. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The motion before the house is one of adjournment. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. A machine vote has been requested. Will members please return to your desks and record your presence. Those members outside the Chamber, please return and check in, please. Senator Moore. Senators Schmit, Labedz, Haberman. Senator Wehrbein, the house is under call. The house is still under call. The question is adjourning until Monday morning at nine o'clock. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1761-62 of the Legislative