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LB 874, 893, 970, 1009, 1102-1111
LR 8, 233

chance for justice in these courts, a perfect poor man's chance, which means no chance. We see that even with the present system. There are inequities and unfairnesses in the way the courts operate. We are going to build in an additional level that encourages unfairness and arbitrariness by the State Supreme Court. I am opposed to this bill. I think what would have been responsible would be to have public hearings...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Time is up, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to read in?

CLERK: Yes, Madam President, I do, new bills. (Read for the first time by title: LB 1102, LB 1103, LB 1104, LB 1105, LB 1106, LB 1107, LB 1108, LB 1109, LB 1110, LB 1111. See pages 279-82 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have notice of hearing from the Government Committee. That is signed by Senator Baack as Chair of the committee. (Re: LB 970, LB 1009, LB 893, LB 874, LR 233CA. See page 281 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Madam President, at this time.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Abboud. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam Speaker, members of the Legislature, if you could imagine a process by which we, as legislators, were asked not just to rule on the bills that we introduce but on every idea given to us by our constituents and every idea given to us at the behest of the citizens of the State of Nebraska, you'd approximate the situation that the Supreme Court finds itself in. Their work load is not of their own making. We, as the legislative branch make our own work load collectively by being able to say yes or no to the ideas our constituents bring to us. Every now and then we say, okay, fine, I will draft it and we'll introduce it. My guess is for everyone of those, you have got two or three bills that are suggested to you that you say I don't think it will work or I would rather not carry that. Best of luck, maybe you have got another avenue, but, in fact, we can't take that...I am not going to take that problem on. Maybe we don't do it enough but we do it. But imagine a Legislature in which any person in the State of Nebraska could provide us a bill idea that we would have to draft into bill form, hold a public hearing on, have a debate on this floor, and then write our decisions as a body, not just our own individual

January 17, 1990

LB 163, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826
827, 828, 829, 1102-1135, 1158-1161

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: (Microphone not activated) ...pastor at UN-L, and now is pastoral associate at Trinity Lutheran Church here in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the invocation.

DR. NORDEN: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Dr. Norden, thank you for being with us again, we appreciate it. Come back again. Roll call, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do you have any messages, reports or announcements this morning?

CLERK: Mr. President, Reference Report referring LBs 1102-1135, as well as three gubernatorial appointments to the appropriate standing committees for hearing. (See pages 348-49 of the Legislative Journal.)

Received a report from the Department of Roads filed pursuant to statute, Mr. President. That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT: Would you like to introduce any new bills, or would you not like to?

CLERK: Mr. President, I'm sorry, I do have some other items. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 821 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 822, LB 823, LB 824, LB 825, LB 826, LB 827, LB 828, and LB 829, all on Select File, some of which have E & R amendments attached, Mr. President. Now, that's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 350-51 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: New bills, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 1158-1161 by title for the first time. See page 352 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll move on to General File then, LB 163.

January 19, 1990

LB 87, 159, 163, 163A, 220, 240, 257
313, 315, 397, 399, 486, 488, 488A
756, 856, 911, 963, 1002, 1026, 1033
1037, 1050, 1051, 1090, 1108, 1109, 1141
1168, 1181, 1190
LR 239, 240

PRESIDENT: Okay. Thank you. Senator Ashford, you are next, but may I introduce some guests under the south balcony, please. We have from District 22, which is Senator Robak's district, Dianne Foltz of Platte Center and Betty Grant of Columbus, Nebraska. With them are three AFS students, Jean/David Miquel of Paris, France, and Patty Cervantes from Bolivia, and Shane Walker from Australia. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Mr. Clerk, you have something for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, very quickly. Enrollment and Review reports LB 163 to Select File, LB 163A to Select File, those signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. Agriculture Committee, whose Chair is Senator Rod Johnson, reports LB 856 to General File. (See page 429 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Coordsen, as Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, has selected LB 313 and LB 315 as the committee priority bills for the year. And Enrollment and Review reports LB 87, LB 220, LB 240, LB 257, LB 397, LB 399, LB 486, LB 488, LB 488A, LB 756 all correctly engrossed. Those signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. (See pages 430-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, notice of hearings from the Education Committee and from the Natural Resources Committee, signed by the respective chairs. (Re: LB 1190, LB 1181, LB 1168, LB 911, LB 1050, LB 1090, LB 1033, LB 1037, LB 963, LB 1026, LB 1108, LB 1109, LB 1141, LB 1002, LB 1051, LR 239 and LR 240.) And Senator Haberman has amendments to be printed to LB 163. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 433-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, did you wish to speak on the first set of Kristensen amendments?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Oh, you call the question. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor...Do I see five hands, first? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. What do you think, Senator Ashford? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

February 7, 1990

LB 34, 240A, 369, 374, 409, 422, 530
543, 896A, 907, 1108, 1109, 1165, 1217
1228
LR 251, 252

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 907.

PRESIDENT: LB 907 is advanced. LB 984, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some items for the record? Mr. President, your Committee on Health and Human Services whose Chair is Senator Wesely reports LB 374 as indefinitely postponed, LB 530 as indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Wesely. Education Committee reports LB 1109 to General File and LB 1108 to General File with committee amendments attached, those signed by Senator Withem. (See pages 705-06 of the Legislative Journal.)

Banking Committee reports LB 1165 to General File; LB 1217, General File; LB 1228, General File, those signed by Senator Landis. In addition to those items, Mr. President, I have a new A bill, LB 896A by Senator Withem. (Read by title for the first time. See page 707 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, bills read on Final Reading this morning have been presented to the Governor. (Re: LB 34, LB 409, LB 422, and LB 543.)

Mr. President, amendments to be printed, Senator Hall has amendments to LB 240A, Senator Lamb to LB 369. (See pages 707-09 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 252 offered by Senators Conway, Korshoj, Warner, Nelson and Beyer, asking the Legislature to acknowledge the service, knowledge and expertise that Phil Kruse has contributed to the State of Nebraska. That will be laid over, Mr. President. (See page 710 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a referencing report referring LR 251 to the Judiciary Committee for public hearing, as well, Mr. President, as a request for the sale of revenue bonds by Kearney State College. As part of that process, Mr. President, I have a letter from Senator Labedz to the Clerk advising the Legislature as to the reference of that proposed bond sale.

Mr. President, finally, a request from Senators Hall and Chizek as Chairs of the Revenue Committee and Judiciary Committee to

things, although I haven't had as much direct involvement with this as Senator Lindsay has. I did ask the lobbyist for the City of Omaha, is this administratively generated or is your board supportive of it? He assured me that it was going through the board approval process and they were aware of it. Secondly, I think their major concern is with the process that they have of selecting board officers, Senator Chambers. If you remember, the last couple of times they have elected presidents and vice-presidents they have had these multitudes of balance, having to have a majority of the...I think there are 12 members, somebody has to get seven votes to become either president or vice-president. This would allow them to set their rules so that they wouldn't have to have an absolute majority but a majority of those present and voting. I think, is the intent of what they're seeking to accomplish. The other language in there regarding teacher contracts and all of that, I'm sorry, I cannot enlighten you on that, but the other two points that you raised, I hope that helps clarify what I understand the intent to be.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I would just urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Lindsay amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lindsay's amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Lindsay amendment is adopted. Do you have anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland would move to amend. Senator McFarland's amendment is on page 1275 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. I believe this amendment is what was LB 1108. Let me take a quick glance here. I was looking for my Journal and could not locate it for a minute.

March 19, 1990

LB 1090, 1108

PRESIDENT: Were you talking to me, Senator McFarland? I didn't quite understand you.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: No.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: That's fine, you can charge me if you want. I think this is, I think, LB 1108 which was brought to the Education Committee by the Lincoln Public Schools and also was supported by the Omaha Public Schools. This amendment, in effect, would require all school districts to submit reports on certified personnel employed by the district on or before the last Friday in September on forms provided by the State Department of Education. This would just change the date. Right now, the statute, as indicated, requires it by September 1, but my understanding is it's difficult to determine exactly which certified personnel employees in the districts are going to be there and to submit that report by September 1, so this basically just changes that date from September 1 until the last Friday in September and would give the school districts additional time to do that. And, for that reason, it came out of our committee, advanced on a five to zero vote. There was not a lot of opposition in the committee and the committee chose to advance it. Since LB 1108 was not a priority bill, we thought that it would be appropriate to amend it onto this bill. I don't think there is any opposition on this. I would ask you to add it to the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights on so I assume there are no other speakers. Any closing on it, Senator McFarland?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I would just ask you to advance this amendment...or to add this amendment to the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator McFarland's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The McFarland amendment is adopted. Anything else, Mr. Clerk?