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being here and thank you for your services. We also have guests of Senator Rod Johnson under the north balcony. We have Omer Troester of Hampton, Nebraska. With him is an exchange student, Alberto Porras of Costa Rica. Would you gentlemen please stand up and be recognized. Thank you for being here. We also have, over under the south balcony, a former member of this Legislature, Senator Tom Fitzgerald, would you please stand up and wave your hand. Thank you. Please welcome Senator Fitzgerald back. Thank you, Tommy. Mr. Clerk, back to the reading.

CLERK: (Read LB 81-98 by title of the first time. See pages 61-67 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We'll stand at ease for some 15 minutes or half an hour while we get some of the work caught up up here in front. So be at ease, please, for a while. Thank you.

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CLERK: Meeting of the Health Committee, under the north balcony, right now. Health Committee, north balcony right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAPRETT: Additional bill introductions, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 99-150 by title for the first time. See pages 67-76 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: More bill introductions, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 151-160 by title for the first time. See pages 76-79 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, in addition to those new bills I have new resolutions. (Read LR 1-2 for the first time. See pages 79-81 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items I have a series of announcements. Mr. President, there will be a meeting of the Executive Board today at three-fifteen for purposes of referencing. Executive Board, three-fifteen for referencing.

Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would like to have a meeting

supporting the bill, LB 525, conceptually, was an either/or, neither/nor, or perhaps I should say "ither"/or or "nither"/nor bill in which would provide the Legislature options and when you're looking for options they have to match. Nine million is a very good number. It matches LB 83, that is \$9 million. And if we can trade, that's in two years as opposed to one, so it's not quite a match but it's better than 18. Plus, this ends in two years, theoretically, and, of course, LB 683 goes on for a long time, 20 years, as I recall. So it would seem to me that it would be very appropriate to adopt this amendment to give the Legislature an either/or choice, to give the Governor an either/or choice. They are both aid programs. It's not difficult for me to opt to have that aid going for schools, if I have to choose between two, and so I think this is an excellent amendment and I would hope the body would support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, after following Senator Warner's speech, I'm listening to him and I understand his certain amount of chiding over the evaporation of these funds after a couple of years. I know that he has some concerns about the wisdom of LB 611 sunseting in '89 and who knows, given the tenacity of this Legislature to make some tough decisions, he's probably going to be right and it's just one more example of them. Now I don't enjoy, as nobody does, to oppose state aid to education and I'm really not. I remember back in January, back in February, I introduced an amendment to LB 89 for \$20 million in state aid, to make it that, and it was defeated soundly. As I said then, there were people doing cartwheels down the aisles if we'd introduce that \$20 million in state aid the year before. I think some people need to remember this great compromise costs \$18 million. Well, for those members of the body, I wasn't here as a member, but I was here as a staff person, go back four years ago to the Memorial Day massacre. How much money did we cut? About \$18 million. Remember how painful that was? Remember how painful that \$18 million was coming out? A lot easier to just lob it on, but sometimes you have to take it out, it's going to be a lot tougher. You know, it's like we're all a bunch of little kids or a bunch of high schoolers at the Junior-Senior prom and there is no way we can say no to anybody. Can't say no to anybody and it's not fun doing it and we've got ourselves in such a position that we've simply said no to no one. Like I said the other night, we're spending money like drunken sailors. We believe the Michelob Light ads, you can

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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the opening prayer today by Pastor Jerry Leever, our chaplain of the day. Pastor Leever is from Belmont Baptist Church here in Lincoln. Pastor Leever.

PASTOR LEEVER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you very much, Pastor Leever. Please come back again. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President, no corrections this morning.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any reports, any announcements, any messages?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Education, whose Chair is Senator Withem, reports LB 1037 to General File, that's signed by Senator Withem. Business and Labor Committee, whose Chair is Senator Coordsen, reports LB 1135 as indefinitely postponed, that's signed by Senator Coordsen as Chair. Agriculture Committee, whose Chair is Senator Rod Johnson, reports LB 972 to General File; LB 83 as indefinitely postponed; LB 117, indefinitely postponed; and LB 718 as indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Johnson as Chair of the Agriculture Committee. Education Committee reports LB 1033 to General File with amendments, that is signed by Senator Withem as Chair. And General Affairs Committee, whose Chair is Senator Smith, reports LB 862 and LB 936 to General File with committee amendments attached, those signed by Senator Smith. Enrollment and Review reports LB 663 to Select File with E & R amendments, Mr. President. An announcement that Senator Korshoj has selected LB 81 as his priority bill. Notice of hearing by the Agriculture Committee for Tuesday, February 6. And finally, Mr. President, a report from the Employees Retirement System that's filed pursuant to statute. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 583-90 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Moving to Select File, Mr. Clerk, LR 8CA. Will you bring us up to date.