

Commission for Postsecondary Education, again, filed pursuant to statute; a report from the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission filed pursuant to statute; the annual report of the Division of Telecommunications; a communication from a series of Natural Resources Districts, Mr. President, with respect to payment of attorneys fees incurred during this past year. (See pages 88-89 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a series of appointment letters from the Governor, appointments to the Board of Health, to the Rural Health Manpower Commission, the Foster Care Review Board, the Job Training Council, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Those will all be referred to Reference for referral to the appropriate Standing Committee, Mr. President. (See pages 89-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

Finally, I have received a communication with respect to the siting for the low-level radio active waste disposal facility. That communication was received from US Ecology, Mr. President. (See page 88 of the Legislative Journal.) All of those reports will be on file in my office subject to review by members upon their request. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, we're ready to begin the introduction of bills and some of you I understand would like to hear what the bills are about, so while I don't wish to spoil your fun and visitation with each other, kindly hold it down so that those that wish to listen to the introduction of the bills may do so. We anticipate that this will probably go on until about noon and, of course, free to do whatever you would like to do. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, the introduction of bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills: (Read by title for the first time, LBs 818-878. See pages 97-109 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have amendments to be printed from Senator Rod Johnson to LB 163, LB 39, LB 37. (See pages 110-14 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new bills. (Read by title for the first time, LBs 879-922. See pages 114-23 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have new resolutions: (Read brief description

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If I may, Mr. President, I have a Reference Report referring LBs 881-957, and LR 229. (See pages 175-77 of the Legislative Journal.) And, Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 997-1010 by title for the first time. See pages 177-80 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that's all that I have at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding to the next item on...from the Rules Committee. Chairman Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, the next one is number nine identified on your list. It specifies that a motion to suspend the rules is not divisible. The reason for this, without reading it all but putting it hopefully in laymen's terms so we can understand it, is that when a motion to suspend the rules is attempted it's intended to accomplish only one thing. You don't suspend the rules to accomplish three, four, five or six different things. But, if the amendment that would accomplish one thing would, for example, suspend Rule 1, Section 2, Rule 2, Section 3, Rule 3, Section 4, because it's necessary to do that to identify those sections of the rules that serve that single purpose, you cannot divide the question and take any one of those three rule changes independently. I think, Mr. President and members, that explains the purpose and intent of this rule change and would suggest that we support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Discussion on the proposal...proposed change number nine? Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, let me tell you what the real purpose of this rule change is. There have been attempts at various times to suspend the rules so that there can be no debate or discussion or amendment on bills, and I have indicated that I would divide that question. So the purpose of the rule is to prevent that from happening. So however many things are put into a rule suspension will have to be taken as a package. In some instances you may have a situation where people will think and believe that you should be able to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking a vote without any additional debate, amendment and so forth. And maybe that is all right. Naturally, I'm opposed to it because

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to have these questions come out, we love to answer them. The specific question...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...is dealing with confidentiality. It does say they are confidential, it does say they are anonymous. I would challenge Senator Landis to obtain copies for me any juvenile court file he wants to see, or any Board of Mental Health commitment he wants to see, or any other child abuse case he wants to see. We have confidential cases right now in current law and we don't hear the objections to those. I think the procedures are there. I think these are the kinds of questions...I'd love to get into the meat of the bill, but unfortunately we're stuck in a quagmire of procedural problems. Those are the kind of things that we'd love to make that legislative history so that the bill can work properly, so that some of the problems that we're running into can be answered in advance. Returning it to a committee, that's another step to cause some more time to be used. I don't think it needs to be referred to committee. We had it there once. The....a lot of the testimony had nothing to do with the bill.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: If we wa....Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labedz, you're next, but the Clerk would like to put a couple of things into the record, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Transportation Committee, to whom was referred LB 887, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File; and LB 902 to General File. Those signed by Senator Lamb. (See page 473 of the Journal.)

New resolution, LR 246, offered by Senator Kristensen and a number of the members asking the Legislature to commemorate the bicentennial of the first meeting of the United States Supreme Court. (See pages 473-74 of the Journal.)

Senator Conway would like to print amendments to LB 260. And, Mr. President, Senator Chambers would like to add his name to LB 1113 as co-introducer. That's all that I have,

bill as amended, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, now you have on your desk an explanation of the amendment that I am offering. I am offering an amendment, if anyone is listening, which folds three other bills into this bill; three similar bills, all of them are on General file. And this amendment is in your bill book but the explanation is right here on your desk. And one of the bills is LB 713 and that has to do with livestock forage vehicles used to carry unbaled livestock forage upon a highway. Now, currently, the mileage or the speed limit for these forage vehicles is 30 miles an hour and we are putting that up to 50 miles an hour. If you're going down the highway with a stack of hay, currently, to be legal, you have to go 30 miles an hour or less. We think it's reasonable to put that up to 50 miles an hour and that's part of LB 713 which is in the amendment. Now another part of LB 713 lets those people with that vehicle that hauls unbaled forage go home empty, go home empty. Currently, the cops are picking them up when they're going home empty because the statutes do not allow them to go home empty with this wide vehicle. You can go down the highway loaded with this load of hay on this vehicle but then when you come back down the highway, empty, to go home, you're in violation of the law. So that's part of 713 which is being amended into this bill in the amendment which is in your bill book, it's AM2221. Now another part of that LB 713...and there is nothing in this bill which has not been advanced by the committee, it's all on General File either in the original bill or in the committee amendment. It's kind of like that ad you've seen on TV about spaghetti sauce, all these...all these spices they talk about, they're in there, they're in there, they're in there. So this was brought to the committee, this part of 713 was brought to the committee by Senator Coordsen. And, currently, this section provides that for determining axle weights, the distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest foot. When a fraction in exactly one-half foot, the next larger whole foot is to be used to determine maximum axle weight. This was brought to us by Senator Coordsen because of a trailer manufacturer in his district that had trouble with that partial foot. Really, very insignificant but it does make them legal where they're not legal. Now another bill, or another section, or another bill in there is LB 887, Senator Scofield's bill, which was advanced by the committee this year, and this allows farm plated trucks to pull boats or cabin trailers. And Senator Scofield brought this to the committee. It seemed logical, no opposition to that;

out of the way this session that need to be done and yet could easily get clogged up in the pipeline as we move closer to the end. Senator Smith did raise a question to me about LB 887, which is amended into here, and it came about as a result of...several farmers in Box Butte County came to me and said that they were interested in pulling a boat or a cabin trailer behind their farm pickup and were informed they had to buy a commercial plate. And, at the same time, there seemed to be major inconsistencies in the law because if they had one of those little campers that you could actually set in the box of your pickup, that was okay to run that on a farm plate. And so we talked to a county treasurer and we talked to the Transportation Committee and that was how...and the County Officials Association, and that's how LB 887 evolved. And it might seem like a relatively minor problem but it was a real headache for the individuals that were involved and there was no opposition to the concept. So, on behalf of my farmers out there, I thank Senator Lamb for his good work.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I seem to be supporting Senator Lamb a lot this week. And this bill, I just want to be sure I have a couple of answers to be sure I understand what all you're putting into it, Senator Lamb. So if you would yield for about two questions...two or three questions.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CROSBY: The first one is...and is this an urban versus rural bill?

SENATOR LAMB: Actually, this is an urban bill because this allows a commercially licensed vehicle to pull a horse trailer...

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: ...and that's strictly...

SENATOR CROSBY: The second...my second question, does this have anything to do with being as big as a load of hay? You seem to be talking about hay a lot here. You don't have to answer that. My serious question is, I just want to be sure that I understand