

January 3, 1990

LB 936-938
LR 234

PRESIDENT: (Cavel.) Are there any of you that do have a bill that wish to put it in today? If so, indicate so that we'll know. Otherwise, we're about ready to close up shop. Anyone have a bill? Okay, we'll be through in a few minutes and then we'll ask Speaker Barrett to talk to you about tomorrow and so forth in a little bit. Thank you.

CLERK: (Read by title for the first time, LBs 936-938. See page 133 of the Legislative Journal.)

Finally, Mr. President, I have a new resolution, LR 234 by Senator Hannibal asking the members to designate the first day of every regular session as Nebraska Citizen's Day. That will be laid over, Mr. President. (See page 134 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A couple of you have asked how many bills were introduced today, and I believe the count is 120. Speaker Barrett, the Chair recognizes you for some information. (Cavel.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Some of you have also wondered about our agenda for tomorrow. May I suggest to you that we'll start on rules, the adoption of permanent rules tomorrow morning. That should take some time. If time remains for the conclusion of the day we will proceed immediately to committee priority bills, General File committee priority bills. You will notice on the worksheet that we'll start with 678 followed by 720.

PRESIDENT: And what about Friday?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Friday is a recess day, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Speaker Barrett. It's good to see you all back and I'm sure you've had a good time just visiting with each other this morning. Senator Morrissey, would you like to adjourn us until tomorrow at nine o'clock, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I move we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

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LB 881-957, 997-1010
LR 229

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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LB 81, 83, 117, 663, 718, 862, 936
972, 1033, 1037, 1135
LR 8

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.