

January 4, 1990

LB 259, 259A, 505, 678A, 720A, 969-996
LR 231

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't mind.

PRESIDENT: Thank you for being so cooperative. We'll take it up after lunch. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. President, I move that we recess until one-thirty.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. We are recessed until one-thirty. Senator Chambers, we'll take yours up...Senator Chambers, we'll take yours up right after...at one-thirty. Okay.

RECESS

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Members of the Legislature who are hiding out in their offices, appreciate it if you would come to the sanctuary so we can start the service. We already have three members here but we need a few more.

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

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers will be here in a moment, and then we can begin on the...Mr. Clerk, do you want to read in new bills while we are waiting, please?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, I do. Thank you, new bills. (Read for the first time by title: LB 969-996. See pages 150-57 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to be printed, Senator Hefner to LR 231, Senator Wesely to LB 720A, LB 678A, Senator Withem to LB 259, LB 259A, and Senator Weihing to LB 505.

Mr. President, I will announce now that there will be a Reference Committee meeting at three o'clock in Room 2101, Reference Committee at three o'clock. 2102. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, as you will recall, we are on

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LB 409, 958-1013, 1031, 1032
LR 235

SPEAKER BARRETT: Let's stand at ease until eleven-fifteen, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you.

EASE

CLERK: Three quick announcements. Reference will meet underneath the south balcony now. Referencing Committee, underneath the south balcony right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...return to the Legislative Chamber. The Legislature will reconvene and continue our discussion on the adoption of our permanent rules. Please return to the Legislative Chamber. Mr. Clerk, would you read in new bills, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 1031 and LB 1032 by title for the first time. See pages 198-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have a new resolution. (Read brief summary of LR 235. See page 199 of the Journal.) That will be laid over.

I have amendments from Speaker Barrett to be printed to LE 409. Mr. President, I also have a Reference Report referring LBs 958-1013, as well as certain gubernatorial appointments received. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 199-201 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have you a motion, Mr. Clerk, to reconsider action taken last week?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on the Wesely amendment to the rules, which I believe the Legislature discussed on Thursday afternoon.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this motion is designed to reconsider the vote that was taken on

January 16. That is offered by Senator Landis as Chair. (Re: LBs 981-984 and LB 1008. See page 235 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. At this point in time, we will return to General File and pick up on LB 747, the bill which was being discussed at the time of our recess for lunch. The issue at that point in time was Senator Moore's bracketing motion. Going directly to the speaking order that we left when we recessed beginning with Senator Haberman, followed by Senators Warner, Nelson, Bernard-Stevens, and Moore. (Cavel.) Senator Haberman, discussion on the bracketing motion.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, and members of the body, I am sure that you have all heard of the proverb of the fox in the henhouse. Well, I would like to assure you folks that we are putting two foxes in that henhouse, not just one, but two. Now I would not want to allude to Senator Hall and Senator Chizek as being foxes, but if you would like to allude to that, you may do so but I would not say that. I am just saying we are putting two foxes in the henhouse. Now this is a 1989 bill, so we can also call this a sleeper bill. Well, what is a sleeper bill? Well, a sleeper bill is a bill that you put out of committee, just put it out on the floor to see what would happen, see what kind of input you get, and really we are not going to do too much with that bill this year, but let's just put it out in case. Well, I would not say that the committee did that, although there was one person who voted against it and all the rest of them voted for it. So here we are now in 1990, and we are faced with a bill that basically is a year old. Now, quite possibly, some people have forgotten what was in the bill or what the issue is or the cost of the bill. So, therefore, it is necessary, it is necessary, absolutely necessary to bring to the attention of the members of this body just exactly what that bill does. Now, Senator Chizek, you are sitting there smiling and I have nothing but admiration for you for the way that you brought this bill before the body and how you are handling this bill, that's...and Senator Hall, too. You gentlemen are very smooth. I appreciate that. In fact, I would like to have you work on some of my legislation sometime, but I would like to say to you that we are spending a considerable amount of money. We don't know where we are really financially yet this year. I would like to spend a little money, and I am kind of afraid that if we pass this bill, there won't be any money left for ole' Rex and, you know, that is not too good either. So I would rise and

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LB 259, 981, 982, 983, 984, 1195-1219
LR 242-243

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, thank you. (Read LBs 1195-1219 by title for the first time. See pages 378-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, two new constitutional amendments. (Read LRs 242-243 by title for the first time. See pages 383-88 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Government Committee gives notice of hearing for January 25, signed by Senator Baack. Banking Committee, whose Chair is Senator Landis reports LB 983 to General File, LB 984 to General File, LB 981 General File with amendments, LB 982 General File with amendments. (See pages 388-90 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, proceeding to Select File, LB 259.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first order of business on 259 are Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: E & R amendments. Senator Withem, would you handle the E & R amendments on 259.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, beings our E & R Chairman is too busy at the moment, I'll be happy to move that the E & R amendments to 259 be approved.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Any objection? Any conversation? Seeing none, those in favor of the adoption of the E & R amendments to 259 please say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Haberman. (Haberman amendment appears on page 365 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, my amendment addresses the dates that are on page 3. It says that the act would commence February 1, 1991, pertaining to the filing of a petition. The bill will possibly go into effect in July and that would be about six months to give people an

February 20, 1990

LB 39, 290, 339, 618, 688, 771, 899
900, 941, 980A, 982, 990, 1009, 1032
1041, 1066, 1073, 1080, 1173, 1195, 1195A
1200, 1219, 1236, 1240
LR 257

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. To the bill as amended. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I think the bill, as explained, as I mentioned, the amendment became the bill, and that is what we're dealing with now. I think I've explained that, some of the other senators, I think, have also discussed that. What I'd do is just be available to answer questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Any questions? If not, those in favor of the advancement of the bill to E & R initial please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 688.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 688 is advanced. Matters for the record, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Speaker announces selection of Speaker priority bills that include LB 39, LB 290, LB 339, LB 618, LB 771, LB 899, LB 900, LB 941, LB 982, LB 1009, LB 1032, LB 1041, LB 1066, LB 1073, LB 1173, LB 1195, LB 1200, LB 1219, LB 1236, and LB 1240.

Mr. President, new A bills, (Read LB 980A and LB 1195A by title for the first time. See page 867 of the Legislative Journal.)

A reminder, Mr. President, the Urban Affairs Committee will meet in Exec Session at three o'clock this afternoon. Revenue Committee will hold an Exec Session at one-twenty in the Senate Lounge; Revenue, one-twenty in the Senate Lounge, Mr. President. Senator Haberman has amend...or would like to add his name to LB 1080 and to LB 990 as co-introducer.

Mr. President, new resolution offered by Senator Chambers. (Read brief synopsis of LR 257. See pages 867-68 of the