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LB 308, 814
LR 209, 210, 211

some bills across before we do adjourn that do not have amendments filed on them at the present time. There are about eight of those bills. Mr. Clerk, LB 308.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. President, if I may right before that, three study resolutions, LR 209 by Senator Scofield, LR 210 and LR 211 by Senator Schmit. (See pages 2247-50 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Coordsen has amendments to LB 814 to be printed, Mr. President. (See page 2250 of the Legislative Journal.)

LB 308 was a bill introduced by Senator Barrett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to Appropriations Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will give you a little overview of the bill while the contents of the committee amendment is being passed out; well, in fact, we have an amendment to the amendment as well. This is the mainline deficit bill, those items which was felt did not need to be passed as soon. The total amount of funds in this bill in General Fund money is...well, with this bill and 812 that was enacted this morning, without the Pharmacy Building, the total amount is 11.7 million. The Governor's recommendation was at 11.2, and we can point out the differences in a little bit. The main items in the deficit bill which were included also in the Governor's recommendations in the bill, itself, is 450,000 for homestead exemption; 9,098,000, Department of Social Services for Medicaid; 450,000 in data processing for social services; 250,000 additional for a vet clinic at Clay Center; and there is 400,000 which is workmen's comp tort claims. It cleans up the claims that were in the process before we moved over to this other system where every agency is assessed the cost for the workmen's comp over time, but the total of those five items out of the total is 10.6 million, 10.6 million, almost 650,000, so that is the major items that would be included in this bill. I can take up, the first, Mr. Clerk, the amendments to...AM1409, there is amendment one and two. Do you have that one?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. It is on Journal page 1934, Senator.

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LB 303, 303A, 525, 812, 816, 816A
LR 160, 211

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SPEAKER BARRETT: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...Chamber and to this Monday morning in the last full week of the First Session of the 91st Legislature. Our opening prayer this morning by our own Harland Johnson.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

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

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

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 816 and recommend that same be placed on Select File, LB 816A and LB 525 all on Select File. Enrollment and Review also reports LB 303 and LB 303A as correctly Engrossed, Mr. President, all of those signed by Senator Lindsay as Enrollment and Review Chairperson. (See pages 2319-22 of the Legislative Journal.)

A communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communication regarding LB 812.)

Mr. President, a report from the Department of Roads regarding the statement of deposits to the Highway Cash Fund.

And, Mr. President, LR 160 is ready for your signature, and that is all that I have. (See page 2323 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 160. Mr. Clerk, to the legislative resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 211 was introduced by Senator Schmit. It is found on page 2249. (Read brief description.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I've introduced

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LR 211 at the request of the Nebraska Power Association. The Nebraska Power Association and its various members are deeply concerned by the fact that the Congress continues to pass laws such as the Tax Reform Act of 1986 that make it increasingly difficult and more expensive for state and local governments to use tax exempt bond financing. Tax exempt bond financing is a single most important source of revenue for state and local governments to use for roads and bridges, schools, waste water treatment, gas, utilities, solid waste management, drinking water facilities and that sort of public expenditure. The loss of this financing tool would probably add 20 to 30 percent to the cost of borrowing for state and local governments. This, of course, is just one more method whereby the various taxpayers have to increase their cost to government and in some ways it's rather an insidious method. The passage of LR 211 would send a signal to our congressional delegation and others that the continued use of this financing tool is critical to local government's ability to provide basic local services. I would be glad to answer any questions you might have and, if not, I would move for the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of LR 211 please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 211.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The resolution is adopted. General File, A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 289A was introduced by Senator Schmit. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, LB 289A is the financial support bill for LB 289, the so-called underground tank cleanup bill. As you know, there have been somewhat deep concerns expressed recently relative to the substantial environmental cost and impact of the various leaks that have been caused by a substantial number of different kinds of tanks that have been buried underground in some instances for many, many years. LB 289 is an attempt to provide and create a fund for that cleanup effort and at this time we need the A bill. There will be some additional amendments to LB 289 which should

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I'd move to readvance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question is the readvancement of the bill. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. The bill is readvanced. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign Legislative Resolution 211. Senator Baack, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker, I move that we recess till 1:30.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 816 by Senator Haberman, Senator Landis and Scofield, LB 813; notice of confirmation hearing by the General Affairs Committee. Enrollment and Review reports LB 211, LB 639, LB 272, LB 137, LB 215, and LB 377 to Select File.

Mr. President, Senator Abboud asked unanimous consent to add his name to LB 84 as co-introducer. That's all that I had, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, and the question is recessing until 1:30. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. We are recessed. (Gavel.)

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Anything for the record?