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LB 89, 247, 525, 815A
LR 217, 218

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 815A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 815A is advanced. Mr. Clerk, have you anything for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. Senator Moore has amendments to LB 247 to be printed. Mr. President, I have new resolutions. (Read LR 217, and LR 218. See pages 2477-79 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. As per the instructions on the agenda, we'll now return to Item 5 on the agenda. I believe we left LB 525 before lunch. After handling 525 we'll then return to item 9 on the agenda, Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, 525.

CLERK: Mr. President, 525 was considered this morning by the Legislature. At that time there were amendments offered to the bill by Senator Landis, an amendment by Senator Kristensen and an amendment to the Kristensen amendment by Senator Warner. Senator Lynch and Bernard-Stevens then have moved, Mr. President, to reconsider the vote on the Kristensen amendment. That motion is now pending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Back to the motion to reconsider. Senator Lynch, will you handle the reconsideration motion?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. President, thank you, and members, I, immediately, when I walked in this morning walked in on a conversation dealing with 89 because of the amendment to 525 and I'm grateful for all those good words that were mentioned like, you know, they don't want to kill LB 89, they don't mean to hurt 89 and I think 89 has enough votes to go anyhow, but I'm not sure of any of those things so I rise to talk about my amendment to reconsider with mixed emotions. I just would mention a couple of things so you understand. When we talk about aid to education, I know back in '86-87 it was 125 million and then it was dropped in '87-88 to 122, but it jumped back up to 133 million in '88-89. There looks like the request is fairly constant at that number. However, there is an increase, substantial increase in special education money of about \$4 million requested. I'm not quite sure how that will work out. It depends on how you think and consider this kind of a compromise and a trade-off in a sense. I can't tell you what is

intentions or the integrity of the individuals who exercise that authority, but I think it behooves us all well to review statutes and to review regulations and to review activity. Many years ago, Senator Herbert Duis had a little committee and I even forget the name of it now, but it reviewed rules and regs and he caused tremendous consternation among the agencies because he was kind of particular anyway and kind of a nuisance but he really brought some common sense to some of those rules and regs. And it might not be a bad idea, Senator Hannibal, if we would take a look at the reestablishment of that committee and pursue it with some diligence and, of course, that can also be applicable to the federal government. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 217.

PRESIDENT: LR 217 is adopted. LR 218.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 218, by Senators Scofield and Byars, asking the Legislature to congratulate the citizens of Alliance and Beatrice, home of Homestead Days and the cradle and settlement of the plains in the spirit of cooperation and senses of community pride and wishes both cities the best in years to come as sister cities.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Next weekend is a special weekend in the City of Alliance. You may have read last year about the major fund raising activity which is so creative you may even want to steal it. Alliance is the owner of a wonderful old fountain which people used to come from miles around to see that shot water, I'm not sure, some 40-50 feet in the air with a light display and so on. It is a unique fountain, a General Electric fountain, and it had over the years been allowed to fall into disrepair. Many people who were early residents of Alliance talked about how special a landmark that was and how much they enjoyed it, and so the Mayor of the community, Eva Knight, spearheaded a fund raising effort called "Coins In The Fountain" where people actually went out and one

day along the main street of the town laid quarters down and they raised enough money to restore this fountain. I think there aren't a lot of these fountains left any place in the world and it's truly a lovely park and a lovely fountain and I'm looking forward to seeing that fountain turned back on and operational next weekend. And so, in celebration for all of this, the weekend of May 26th to May 28th is Fountain Fest in Alliance where this fountain will be officially turned back on again and there will be a number of other activities in that community to celebrate that event. And, as a part of that, Beatrice is Alliance's sister city. We've been hearing a lot lately, just yesterday at lunch, about communities in the state that have joined together as sister cities and Alliance and Beatrice have joined together in that effort and Beatrice will be honored as well over the Fountain Fest weekend on next Friday, so it will be Alliance-Beatrice Days. So I would ask you to join with me in congratulating Alliance on what I think is a marvelous effort in terms of community development and also the joint east and west sharing activity exhibited by the Alliance-Beatrice sister city effort as well. So, with that, I'd ask for your adoption of the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 218.

PRESIDENT: LR 218 is adopted. LR 220.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 220 is a resolution offered by Senators Moore, Dierks, Wehrbein, Lowell Johnson, Scofield, Baack and Rod Johnson. It asks the Legislature to commend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for establishing the Center for International Trade Policy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President. As the Clerk mentioned, this resolution, LR 220, commends the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for establishing a Center for International Trade Policy. What this is, if you would care to look at the resolution, it recognizes that the competitiveness of Nebraska can be enhanced by providing an interdisciplinary education at the university level encompassing international business, law,

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to make sure that we take care of the problem. This resolution commends our congressional delegation for having worked hard on this issue and the federal government for finally responding to the issue. Our whole key under this resolution is to make sure the federal government assumes the responsibilities they should, having had these plants and having had the contamination we found, and that they accept that responsibility and carry out that responsibility to clean up the problem that they created. We plan to work with them. The Department of Environmental Control, the Department of Health is the lead agencies of the state to work with the federal government. We plan to work with our congressional delegation. But we just want to send a strong message to the federal government and our congressional delegation that we want to continue to see action on this problem, that we want to continue to see what we can to clean up and prevent any pollution problems from these sites and, with the co-sponsors, I'd urge adoption of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 221.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Something for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an explanation of vote by Senator Byars and a study resolution pursuant to rules offered by the Appropriations Committee. (See Senator Byars' explanation of vote regarding LR 218 as found on page 2678 of the Legislative Journal. The Appropriations Committee's LR 222 appears on pages 2678-80 of the Legislative Journal. The Appropriations Committee's LR 223 appears on pages 2680-81 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I had, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Moving on to number 6, LB 147A.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to Legislative Bill 147A, the first motion I have is a motion to unbracket the bill, unanimous consent request to unbracket the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any objections? So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit, would now move to

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Mr. President, a series of veto messages. (Read. Re: LB 44, LB 44A, LB 162, LB 162A, LB 49, LB 49A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 247, LB 247A.) The last message, Mr. President. (Read. Re: LB 301, LB 308, LB 813, LB 814. See pages 2723-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, that completes the items that I have.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 115, LR 213, LR 214, LR 215, LR 217, LR 218, LR 220, LR 221. We will move on to number five, resolutions, Mr. Clerk, LR 223, please.

CLERK: LR 223 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee. It is found on page 2680 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature that pursuant to the provisions of Section 85-404 and LR 69 adopted by the Ninetieth Legislature to call for the issuance of bond anticipation notes and/or revenue bonds in the amount not to exceed \$4,925,000.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I know we are all busy, a beehive of activity this morning, but this first thing out of the shoot is of some significance. You may or may not want to listen. What this is is the approval for the bond financing of Phase III of the rec center construction. Those of you that were around in 1987 will remember at that point in time when we approved the indoor practice facility, that was the first of three phases of activity in the total hyperfitness area, whatever it was called, I forget. And Phase I and Phase II have already been...Phase I and Phase II have already been either built or in the process of being built and paid for, and the university is coming down...coming back with LR 223, and if you remember back, LR 69 two years ago, it basically said...we basically said we approve Phase I and Phase II and Phase III; if on the chance that when you go to Phase III, and Phase III is rebuilding of the coliseum, which I would like to explain a little bit, if we get to Phase III, it is the university's choice to use bond financing, and they must come back to the Legislature for our approval. That is, indeed, what has occurred. That is what LR 223 is talking about. It grants the authority for the university to bond up to \$4.9 million for the UN-L recreation/athletic facility. Now as you remember, the indoor practice facility, you all remember, Phase II of that