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LB 429, 761
LR 75

thought to those two or three of us who spoke about the medical facility at the University of Nebraska and the fact that maybe, just maybe there are some economies that ought to be looked at there.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield my time to Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Senator Labedz. I've talked to Senator Baack, the main sponsor of the bill, and we're on amendment number seven. There are about 20 more amendments to go through and it's late. In talking to Senator Baack I obviously care very much about trying to address the broader issues as Senator Schmit and Senator Lynch have raised, the specific issues about this bill and the breadth of the easement that it provides on the CON process. I hope my message has gotten through that we've got to deal with the cost and quality issues involved, that there is much to be decided and much to look at yet on this bill. With that understanding, I've talked to Senator Baack and he and I are going to follow up with a meeting and before we get back to this issue on Select File, rather than continue on and run out the rest of the afternoon which would be, of course, quite easy to do under the circumstance, I'm going to try and again, try and negotiate and cooperate on this issue as I have been doing. We did succeed a little bit in reaching some compromises but obviously some major differences agree, but in an attempt to be cooperative and, again, trying to reach a compromise, I'd ask that this amendment be withdrawn and the additional amendments that have been filed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. All amendments are withdrawn, right? Is that...? Thank you. For the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, items for the record, new resolution, LR 75, asking the Legislature to encourage all Nebraskans to participate in blood pressure and cholesterol screening. That will be laid over. (See pages 1692-93 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have amendments to be printed to LB 761 by Senators Kristensen, Morrissey and Dierks. (See pages 1693-96 of the

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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning as our Chaplain of the day, Reverend Frederick Felger of the Central Park Congregational - United Church of Christ. Would you please rise for the invocation this morning.

REVEREND FELGER: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Felger, please return to give us our invocation again. Reverend Felger is in Senator Lynch's district in Omaha. Roll call, please. Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 575 and recommend that same be placed on Select File, LB 575A, LB 330 and LB 586 all on Select File. (See pages 1709-11 of the Legislative Journal.)

The last item, Mr. President, I have a report from the Department of Roads Operation Cash Fund for the period of March, 1989. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Fine, thank you. Before we start Final Reading, a few days ago you had introduced LR 75 which has to do with heart disease and cholesterol situation coming up, and since today is the day that we start the blood pressure and cholesterol testing, it was felt appropriate that we take up this LR 75 today rather than wait. Is there any objection? If not, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 75 is found on page 1692 of the Journal. It was introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read brief description.) Again, Mr. President, on page 1692 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, appreciate the opportunity to bring you LR 75. It's an attempt on the part of the Legislature to recognize a very important issue that most Americans are starting to recognize more and more and that is the need to be concerned about your cholesterol and blood pressure levels. It is important to maintain health, it saves money in the long run and is also saving lives. Now, Senator Weihing has a bill dealing with cholesterol levels concerning cooking oils and so this Legislature is well-ware of the issue. But, we, ourselves, are going to be challenged in some ways by today's testing that will be provided free of charge by Bryan Memorial Hospital. Bryan Memorial Hospital is part of some 450 voluntary hospitals of America that are participating on April 26 in a screening that will be provided across the country to try and help individuals identify their cholesterol and blood pressure levels to help indicate the cholesterol and blood pressure problem. The lobbyists and the legislators are going to, today, between ten o'clock and one o'clock have free screenings out in the Rotunda and, of course, we all know about perhaps how much lobbyists like to beat the Legislature in different activities. This is our chance to show them that we've got our cholesterol and blood pressure under control despite the pressures we're under. Maybe that will change as we get into some debate this morning, but this would be a good time for us perhaps to take our blood pressure and cholesterol counts. In any event, Bryan Memorial Hospital has generously and graciously come forward to offer to provide this today. I hope you'll take advantage of it. At the end of the day the totals for the legislators and lobbyists will be made available in the competition. Individual senator cholesterol and blood pressure information will not be made public and I think it's very important for us to recognize this important health issue and I'd ask support for this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of resolution number 75. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 75.

PRESIDENT: LR 75 is adopted. We'll move onto Final Reading. If you'll please take your seats, we will begin. We will be taking LR 2CA last on Final Reading this morning instead of

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LR 75, 76

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning as our chaplain of the day Reverend Steven Voris of the Presbyterian Church in North Bend, Nebraska, which is the area serviced by Senator Lowell Johnson. Would you please rise for the invocation by Reverend Voris.

REVEREND VORIS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Reverend Voris. Please come back and visit us again sometime. Appreciate it. Roll call, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Good. Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Just that LR 75 is ready for your signature, Mr. President. That's the only item I have.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 75. Move onto LR 76, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 76 offered by Senators Wesley, Warner, Landis, Schimek and Crosby. It's found on page 1701 of the Journal. (Read a brief description of LR 76.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, this resolution is brought to you by the members of the Lincoln delegation. We are all very concerned, however, I believe, in the whole state with the issue of what happens to businesses and jobs and certainly the Goodyear plant in Lincoln is one that is of significance to not just Lincoln but the whole state. It now employs over 2,000 individuals at salary levels that are very good in comparison to many other jobs that we have in the state. These well paid employees are working hard and doing a good job