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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 409, 958-1013, 1031, 1032  
LR 235

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

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you.

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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 93, 100, 346, 369, 454, 461, 517  
529, 560, 578, 593, 647, 771, 1008  
1010A, 1019, 1022, 1027, 1045, 1048, 1064A  
1078, 1081, 1085A, 1110, 1123, 1186, 1199  
1243  
LR 13

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. The call is raised. For the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I have a series of items. Mr. President, I have a Reference Report referring LB 1243 to the Judiciary Committee. That is signed by Senator Labedz as Chair of Reference. A hearing notice from Banking, Commerce, and Insurance, Mr. President, for February 20, signed by Senator Landis.

Amendments to be printed to LB 1022 by Senator Smith; Senators Warner and Beyer to LB 369. (See pages 744-46 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your Committee on Transportation whose Chair is Senator Lamb reports LB 1186 to General File with committee amendments attached, signed by Senator Lamb. Banking Committee reports LB 93 as indefinitely postponed, LB 100, LB 454, LB 461, LB 529, LB 560, LB 578, LB 593, LB 647, LB 771, LB 1008, LB 1027, LB 1045, LB 1078, LB 1110, and LB 1123, all reported indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Landis as Chair of the committee. Government Committee, Mr. President, whose Chair is Senator Baack, reports LB 1019 to General File, LB 517 indefinitely postponed, LB 1048, LB 1081, and LR 13CA as indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Baack as Chair. (See pages 746-47 of the Legislative Journal.)

New A bills, Mr. President, LB 1010A by Senators Ashford, McFarland, and Chambers; LB 1085A by Senator Wesely; LB 1064A by Senator Wesely. (All read for the first time by title. See page 748 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, moving on to the next bill on General File, LB 1199.

CLERK: LB 1199, Mr. President, was a bill introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year, referred to the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee for public hearing. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.