

January 4, 1990

LB 662, 830, 845, 895, 897, 905, 953
1011-1013

the house is under call. Senator Dennis Byars, the house is under call. The house is under call, unauthorized personnel, please leave the floor. Senator Byars is on his way. We'll proceed with the vote on the adoption of proposal number ten. A roll call has been requested. Proceed with the vote, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 181-82 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 18 ayes, 21 nays on amendment number ten.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. The call is raised. Any messages on the President's desk, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, three new bills. (Read LBs 1011-1013 by title for the first time. See pages 182-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have proposed amendments to the rules from Senators Lamb, Schmit and Withem. And I have consents to add names to LB 895 from Senator Bernard-Stevens; LB 897 by Bernard-Stevens; LB 953 from Bernard-Stevens; LB 662, Bernard-Stevens; LB 845 from Senator Crosby; LB 830 from Senator Schellpeper; and LB 905 from Bernard-Stevens. That's all I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, I move that we adjourn until nine o'clock in the morning on January 8th.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the motion to adjourn until nine o'clock, Monday morning. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, we are adjourned.

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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

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LB 422, 520, 1012, 1050, 1124, 1125

five minutes and we've cleaned it up a little bit and we moved it on. We didn't have to go to Select File and wait, and we can do these things. It's possible to be done and I appreciate the members. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Abboud, there are no further lights on, would you like to close on the advancement of LB 422?

SENATOR ABOUD: I think we've had a good discussion and I would just move the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. We're voting on the advancement of LB 422 as amended. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 422.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 422 is advanced to E & R Initial. Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, I do. New bills. (Read LB 1124 and LB 1125 by title for the first time. (See pages 305-06 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 520. That is offered by Senators Dierks and Schellpeper. (See pages 306-09 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, a motion from Senator Wesely to withdraw LB 1012. That will be laid over pursuant to Legislature's rules. (See page 309 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have a report of registered lobbyists for the week of January 9 through January 11.

And, Mr. President, hearing notice from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. It is signed by Senator Baack as Chair of the committee.

And finally, Senator Bernard-Stevens would like to add his name to LB 1050 as co-introducer.

SENATOR LANDIS PRESIDING

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LB 1012, 1136-1139
LR 235

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, Pastor Gordon Patterson, of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Would you please rise for the invocation. Pastor Patterson.

REVEREND PATTERSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Patterson. We appreciate your giving us the invocation this morning. Please come back. Roll call, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do you have any messages, reports or announcements today?

CLERK: Mr. President, just one item. I have three reports from a variety of Natural Resource Districts regarding payment of attorney fees. Those reports are required by statute, will be on file for member review in my office. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 235. Move on to introduction of new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 1136-1139 by title for the first time. See page 329 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Move on to the motion by Senator Wesely, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to withdraw LB 1012. That motion was filed on January 12. It's found on page 309 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I rise to ask the eternal question of what are we here for? I ask that question in light of this particular motion because it's clear that what we are here for in the Nebraska Legislature is to

solve problems. That's why we're elected, that's why we have a Legislature. That's why, as society, we form together into government. Our job down here is to solve problems and I see recently that the World-Herald has talked about the fact that we have too many bills. They misread the issue. The issue is not having too many bills, the issue is having too many problems, too many problems that people care about and want something done about. And this Legislature responds to that by introducing legislation to solve those problems. Well, we have too many problems and, as a result, the World-Herald says we have too many bills. Well, this is going to be one less bill because we have one less problem. And sometimes you introduce legislation and you pass it and you solve a problem and we all know that that's ultimately what we see in legislation, hopefully, dealing with issues. But sometimes you don't have to pass legislation to solve problems. I cite Senator Weihing's bill on cholesterol, that he recently sent a memo around that indicates on Final Reading the bill does not need to be passed because, through that legislation, without it passing we have seen voluntarily the issue addressed that Senator Weihing brought to this Legislature. Other times, the mere introduction of a bill will solve a problem. The introduction of this piece of legislation has solved a problem. Without a hearing, without a need for a vote, without a need to be passed, LB 1012 has solved the problem as introduced to address dealing with problems in judges' retirement and, as a result, I ask this Legislature to vote to withdraw the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall LB 1012 be withdrawn? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the withdrawal of LB 1012.

PRESIDENT: LB 1012 is withdrawn. Move on to General File, LB 514.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 514 was a bill that was introduced by Senators Schimek and Baack. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of last year. Mr. President, at that time it was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.