

You look alike, that's what threw me. Senator Lynch, would it be okay with you if we go ahead? We're waiting for Senator Schmit only. Would it be agreeable with you if we go ahead without him, or do you wish to wait?

SENATOR LYNCH: Go ahead and proceed.

PRESIDENT: Okay. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment. Did you wish a roll call vote, Senator Lynch? Roll call vote? Okay. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote read as found on page 194 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on adoption.

PRESIDENT: The Withem amendment is adopted. The call is raised. Did you have something for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. Mr. President, new bills: (Read LBs 1017-1020 by title for the first time. See pages 194-95 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, I've been handed a note by Speaker Barrett. Senator Don Thompson of McCook, Nebraska, Speaker Emeritus of the Nebraska Unicameral passed away in McCook, Nebraska, yesterday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. His funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in McCook, Nebraska. The Herman Funeral Home in McCook is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to either the Peace Lutheran Church or the Herman Funeral Home in McCook, Nebraska. Do you have some new bills, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, (Read LBs 1021-1030 by title for the first time. See pages 195-97 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: I have a note here that there is a group visiting us today from Burke High School in Omaha. Is that group here? Perhaps they have not come in yet. I'll announce them when they do come in. Senator Coordsen, we're about ready to begin the festivities of bringing the Governor here. Would you have a motion, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I move that a committee of five be appointed to escort the

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LB 259, 845, 972, 973, 993, 1014-1048, 1057-1059
LR 236

Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I move to recess until 1:30 p.m.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, would you care to read anything in before we vote on the motion to recess.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1057-1059 by title for the first time as found on pages 232-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

A series of requests to add names, Senator Beck to LB 1026, Senator Kristensen to LB 1035, Senator Conway to LB 993, Senator Wahrbein to LB 973, Senator Wehrbein to LB 972, Senator Weihing to LB 845.

(Reference Committee Report referring LBs 1014-1048 and LR 236 appears on pages 233-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, explanation of vote offered by Senator Kristensen. (Re: LB 259.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. A reminder especially to committee chairs. Committee chairmen, please take note. If you are planning hearings, public hearings next Tuesday, notices of that fact should be filed with the Clerk today. File the notice of public hearing today if you are planning to begin hearings next Tuesday. Those in favor of the Haberman motion to recess until one thirty say aye. Opposed no. Carried. We are recessed.

RECESS

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any messages, reports, anything for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: One item, Mr. President, I have a hearing notice from the Banking Committee for hearings scheduled on Tuesday,

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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.

February 16, 1990 LB 163, 164A, 226, 260, 457, 571, 838
846, 866, 880, 958, 1003, 1019, 1028
1039, 1062, 1103, 1106, 1113, 1184, 1205
1215, 1229

Senator Hartnett. (See pages 846-48 of the Legislative Journal.)

Judiciary reports LB 838 to General File; LB 880, General File; LB 846, indefinitely postponed; LB 1103 and LB 1205, indefinitely postponed.

I have amendments to be printed to LB 866 by Senators Lamb, Haberman, Rogers and Crosby. (See pages 848-50 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, priority bill designations. Senator Labeledz has selected LB 457. Senator Hartnett for Urban Affairs has selected LB 1106, LB 1229; Senator Conway, LB 260; Senator Bernard-Stevens, LB 1062; Senator Beck, LB 958; Senator Rod Johnson, LB 1019; Senator Haberman, LB 1039, as one of the Retirement Systems priority bills. Senator Hall's Revenue bills are LB 1028 and LB 1215; Senator McFarland, LB 226; Senator Hefner, LB 571; and Senator Chizek's personal priority, LB 880, and Judiciary Committee's, LB 1003 and LB 1113.

Mr. President, Revenue Committee gives notice of hearing. And one new A bill, LB 164A by Senator Ashford. (Read by title for the first time as found on page 850 of the Legislative Journal.)

And, finally, Senator Scofield has amendments to LB 1184 to be printed. (See page 851 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Madam President.

Madam President, when we left LB 163, the Enrollment and Review amendments had been adopted. Senator Johnson had an amendment to the bill that had been adopted. Senator Morrissey had amendments. Senator Hefner had his first amendment adopted. The bill was bracketed, Madam President. I now have pending Senator Hefner's amendment. Senator, this amendment is on page 599 of the Journal. I believe...it's AM2141, Senator, the biodegradable. Right. Okay.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Hefner, on the amendment.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, you will find this amendment on page 599. And what this would do, this would add a tax or a fee on disposable diapers...on nondegradable disposable diapers at the rate of 10 cents per dozen. The tax would be collected by the Department of Revenue

gentlemen, we'll move on to General File, LB 1019.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1019 was introduced by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8 of this year, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, LB 1019 is my priority bill this session and is a bill designed to establish an International Trade Division within the Department of Economic Development which will help promote, I think, the State of Nebraska, its products, its people, its industries, its services and all of the...hopefully, it will capitalize on the opportunities that are beginning to present themselves as we span the globe for economic opportunities.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, (gavel), let's hold it down so we can hear the speakers, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, thank you. This idea is not a new one by any means. In fact, Nebraska has been in the business of international trade before back in the late seventies or early eighties. We did have an International Trade Office in Frankfurt, Germany, I believe. Unfortunately, that office never succeeded, and when we started getting tight with dollars, that office was then closed. But as we look at what is happening around the world and particularly in eastern Europe, but not to devoid ourselves from what is also happening in the eastern rimmed countries of the Far East, we see opportunities that I think Nebraska should be capitalizing on. We are one of only seven states in the country that does not have some form of international trade office or division working on international trade. Now there are three basic areas that these offices provide to their states and the first is, obviously, export enhancement. They find or hopefully will locate export opportunities or trade opportunities that our companies in Nebraska or our farmers in Nebraska currently do not have. Secondly, they also seek to secure reverse investments by bringing investors to Nebraska to invest in our industries and our businesses. And lastly, they also promote tourism in our state, they try and promote the state's natural beauties and attract people to come to their state. I've handed out to you a

handout which, basically, highlights what other states are doing, in particular the Midwest, and I hope that you'll get a chance to read that, but I wanted to make note that there...I think in the early eighties there were only about 20 states that had foreign trade offices and from that point forward we've seen actually quite an aggressive activity by many states to get involved in this. And the question I raised before the Government Committee, and I've raised to the many press people who have asked me about this bill, is that if Nebraska chooses not to promote itself and its people and its industries and its businesses and its farmers, who is going to do it for us? I see this as an opportunity to get back into the business of international trade. We clearly live in a global economy and I think it's time that Nebraska be a participant, an active, aggressive player in that global economy and this bill would help us do that by establishing an International Trade Office and Division, and hopefully we can give it some clear guidance and hopefully we'll be able to work to secure new opportunities for Nebraska businesses that they currently do not have. Now, granted, most of your large, major corporations like ConAgra, for example, probably don't need this bill, but I think there are an awful lot of smaller, mid-size businesses who don't have the staff or the opportunities that maybe our major corporations will have that could use this business, that could help us or use this trade office, that could use the personnel, could hopefully understand the customs and the policies of a country in which we may locate this office. This bill does not designate where to locate the office. Hopefully we'll have some say in that, but we're not itemizing where we're going to put this. Obviously, I'm a little more interested in what is happening in eastern Europe than other areas, but I have not said this is the only place that we're going to locate this particular office. We may want to put it someplace else. Now, most of the western states, in a book that I just got, most of them locate their international trade offices, of the 17 western states, in what they call the Asia-Pacific rim, although there are states that are looking at Europe and Mexico as well, but you know, as I see it, we're missing an opportunity that we should be involved in and this bill I think will help us get to that point. Now, one of the questions that was raised to me the other day was the cost and some people have been asking about that. The fiscal note, I believe, has somewhere, something close to \$500,000. If you look at the A bill that accompanies this bill, we've lowered that cost down to about \$300,000, so, yes, it's a large amount of money, especially in a tight fiscal

year but you've got to look at this as an investment in trying to bring back investment opportunities to Nebraska and to our businesses. And this is not a farmers' bill. This is a bill designed to help all of the industries and all of the people of Nebraska equally and, quite frankly, I think it's an area that we should be aggressively involved in and all we do by not participating is miss opportunities that could present themselves to us for our state. So I strongly urge the Legislature to advance this bill today.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Nelson and Senator Baack.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members, I would rise in support of this legislation as well and indicate that I have discussed with Senator Johnson the provisions of the bill. I, too, introduced a bill on foreign trade assistance, LB 1088, the Foreign and Domestic Trade Assistance Act, and I know Senator Brad Ashford had legislation as well before the Banking and Commerce Committee. We did consider those pieces of legislation and advanced 1088. The thought is to work with Senator Johnson and Senator Ashford and see about merging those concepts together, perhaps on Select File, and I think that would be appropriate. But certainly we're all headed in the same direction, that our state is one of the last to recognize the need to provide assistance for foreign trade exporting and also to recognize that our role as a state is to assist the business community in this endeavor. I recently had the opportunity as a representative of the National Conference of State Legislatures to travel to Japan as a part of a delegation over there. There I met with a number of individuals and particularly met with the state office representatives of the 40 some states that have offices in Japan. I was a little embarrassed to tell them about the initiatives in Nebraska which are next to nothing. There is but one full-time staff person dealing with export assistance and another staff person in DED looking at perhaps assisting some investment in the state. That perhaps is the least strenuous effort of any state in the country to get into this issue and at a time at which we all recognize the world is becoming smaller, much closer to us, that we have the changes in eastern Europe, we have the changes in the Pacific rim, we have around us a world economy that is open to us and available to us if only we will recognize the opportunity that we have it. We did have for a short time an office in Germany. It was a failure and I think part of the reason is we didn't have the

support base here in Nebraska. We didn't have the staff people here in Nebraska. We didn't have the ability to help export teams go over there. We just had one lonely individual, one lonely ex-state senator who had a background in German who tried the best he could to deal with the problem. I don't want to see that mistake repeated and I know Senator Johnson and others don't as well. We have to have in place support staff in the state, we have to have organizational support among our business community and we have to work in a number of ways to address this issue, and I know that that is what this bill will accomplish, and with further amendments, I think we can definitely reach that goal. But to be last among states in this area is not something I think we can tolerate any further. The amount of money being talked about here, \$300,000, is not a lot of money and, in fact, we will have to eventually spend more than that I think. Right now the current expenditures are around \$100,000 in this area so this would add 300,000, we're talking 400,000. I think we need to talk in terms of ultimately about a million or more dollars a year into this sort of effort, and if we did that, we would then become competitive with other states and be able to take advantage of our opportunities in international trade. It is one of those bottom line issues. There, I think, can be very little discussion in opposition to this and I would hope merely, as we go forward with the legislation, we talk about how best to achieve these goals. But I do know Senator Johnson is interested in working on this and I'm very pleased to hear that. I think we have an opportunity to advance here, and I'm pleased Senator Johnson picked this as his priority bill so that we could address this issue. And, again, I rise in very strong support of this legislation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it couldn't have been said better by Senator Johnson and Senator Wesely, so I simply concur 100 percent in exactly what they said. You can't sell anything if you don't have someone to sell it, and we are very, very lax in Nebraska and some states, I'm aware, have representatives in any number of places, so with that, I cannot add any more, but I'd certainly commend Senator Johnson for bringing this to us.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, please, followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, I also rise in support of LB 1019, Senator Johnson's bill. The Government Committee heard this bill and had some excellent testimony on the bill and I think it's particularly important that this, at this time, that we're going through in the world today and as we see the changes that we're seeing that are going on in eastern Europe and in Asia, I think, and see countries that are opening up their borders to democracy and opening up their borders to different markets, but I think it is particularly important that Nebraska become involved in something like this International Trade Office because we, in Nebraska, have many, many products that we can offer to these countries and I think that we ought to be out there pushing these products to these countries, and as they open their borders, we ought to be right there to go in and offer our products to meet the needs and the wants of the people in those countries. I think this is an idea whose time has come and we need to do this this year. I think we need to be in place and we need to get this thing up and running very, very soon so that we can take advantage of some of the situations that are going on. So with that, I would urge the body to advance LB 1019 and I think it is money well spent and I don't think that we will be losing anything by spending money on an International Trade Office. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senators Ashford and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to support the concept of the bill, but to raise several issues, perhaps warning flags, perhaps for the record, so that the people in the Department of Economic Development might have an idea as to what we expect them to do with 1019. As many of you know, my experience in export market development goes back to 1981, and an interest in export market development certainly before then, but the hands-on experience evolved the five years of service and the maintaining of contacts with people who were involved in export market development for feed grains around the world in many, many countries. I would suggest that there is nothing wrong with appropriating the \$300,000 to begin the process of involvement of our Department of Economic Development in the trade fairs that are organized around the world so that we have a Nebraska presence. There is nothing wrong with appropriating the \$300,000 to represent a multibillion dollar

industry of the products, raw and finished, in Nebraska to potential buyers. There is nothing wrong with providing a presence in other areas whether it is to promote tourism in Nebraska or whatever that might be. There is nothing wrong with any of these things. But I would suggest that with \$300,000 we are not going to be able to open a Foreign Trade Office. I would suggest that with \$300,000 the Department of Economic Development may, may be able to acquire the services of an International Trade Development Expert and operate our Nebraska presence out of Lincoln so that we do have a booth, we do have the ability to present our state's view in companionship with the other states who are involved in like efforts. I would suggest you turn to Appendix B of the handout. California, three trade offices, \$10,450,000 total budget including their instate expenses. Kansas, our neighboring state, \$1.5 million with two trade offices and the \$1.5 million certainly would include in addition to the costs of the two trade offices what instate personnel and the travel of those to other areas of the world. I would suggest it is very difficult in a rapidly changing economy to be able to pick a site, to open a static trade office, whether it is Brussels or Frankfurt or Milan or Hong Kong or Bangkok, where do you go, or North Platte, right? There are probably those in North Platte that would think that would be something to do at least. This is a good idea, 1019, but please don't expect the Department of Economic Development with \$300,000 to provide a permanent Nebraska office in some yet to be determined area in the world. Opportunities change so quickly. I have a manufacturer in my district who has stayed in business basically because of export trade. Several years ago they were in the Mediterranean rim. Two years ago they were in France and southern Germany selling center pivots. Today they have two full-time people in Poland...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...and East Germany because the market changes that quickly, so I would suggest it's a good idea, but perhaps not expect trade offices.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I would like to commend Senator Johnson for bringing this measure for a couple of reasons. Before I was in the Legislature I spent a couple of years working in Germany for a company that was doing

export type business and learned a little bit about it. One of the things I think that is extremely important and that Senator Johnson has hit on his bill is the idea, or two ideas; one is that it's necessary for government to be involved in these projects because when private enterprise does it alone, for example, I think US West had a project for a year or a couple of years to interest Nebraska businesses in telecommunications or related fields to get into the European market. The problem with that project was that at the end of about a year and a half it was determined by upper management that, boy, this isn't moving fast enough, it's not profitable enough for our company, therefore, we're going to discontinue it. That is not necessarily a criticism of US West except that it indicates that those kinds of projects are not sustainable. Government does have a sustaining presence when it gets involved in projects like this. My experience in Germany, especially in Switzerland and in Liechtenstein was that it takes a long time to make a deal or a contract with a foreign importer. It takes a long time. You first have to go through the process of getting to know that person, getting to know that person's company, needs, desires and wants for American products and American goods and that takes some time and that cannot be done, and I think Senator Coordsen brings up some good points about cost, but that cannot really be done from Lincoln. It has got to be done there in the field, and the time, it takes time to do it. One of the other points that was important, and that's why this has to be an ongoing commitment. This can't be something that is just done one time and then we discontinue the program. The other point, and that is trade shows. Trade shows are, quite frankly, of marginal help when it comes to actually selling products. They are a cheaper way of getting products out into the European or Asian market and there are trade shows in both Asia and in Europe, but the problem is once you identify potential buyers through trade shows, you have to follow up with those potential buyers and that has to be done, unless it's a ConAgra as Senator Johnson rightly states, that has a presence there already. If we're trying to motivate middle-sized, medium-sized businesses to do business in these markets, someone has to follow up with those contacts that are made in the trade shows or in other ways. For example, in Germany, and I can't remember exactly the number, but I know there are two or three major grocery chains in Germany that have over 1,000 or 1,500 groceries stores under the common ownership of one company. Small town grocery stores in Germany tend to be parts of large chains. If you can make the contacts with the heads of those companies in Germany, for

example, and that is just one market, you've gone a long way towards developing a business relationship without the necessity of going through a trade show and that can be done by an individual who is familiar with those people. The bill I brought to the Legislature was a trade show bill. It's less expensive, but it basically provides for grants to smaller companies or medium-sized companies to...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...provide mechanisms through trade shows to get their products out into the markets. That whole bill or that concept does not work without Senator Johnson's concept and Senator Wesely's. It just doesn't...there is no point in my mind, I mean, I'd just as soon not run the bill if we don't have the backup that we need in Lincoln, certainly, but also in the field in Asia, one, I think we definitely need one person in Asia, we definitely need one person in...and I think it's Germany in answer to Senator Coordsen's question. I don't think there is any question but that Germany is where that person ought to be, both because it is centrally located in the middle of Europe and now obviously Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia are countries that are going to be dealing with us on an ongoing basis. Germany is centrally located. It is the economic center of Europe. That is where most of the business is done, so I would suggest that we would look at having someone in Frankfurt and someone in Asia...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...in Bangkok or some place, Hong Kong, or some place in Asia and I think it's an excellent bill, one of the most important bills we have before us this session, and I wholeheartedly support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens who, incidentally, does have a guest under the north balcony, Mr. John Wells of North Platte. Mr. Wells, would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us this morning. Senator David.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, rise in the litany of people who are praising Senator Johnson's bill, 1019. I do have some of the same concerns that Senator Coordsen had and I fully intend to support

the bill. I don't need to go into the litany of why it's very important for this, at this time, for Nebraska to get involved. I will say the following though, that my experience, at least at the international level, is that if you don't get involved in the ground floor when things are beginning to break, by the time you finally do decide that maybe we should get involved, maybe that was a good deal we should have done, it's too late because markets are very difficult to get into once the established trade patterns and flows have begun to develop. And certainly in eastern Europe and in other areas of the world, those trade patterns are going to be somewhat rerouted and revamped and it is something that we need to get into now. I do have a little bit of concern, you know, if the A bill were up right now, I would be one of those that would say we need to up the ante in order to do it right, but I also understand the budget limitations that we, in Nebraska, are going to be going through, particularly with the Forecasting Board numbers being down 40 to \$70 million and we have some obviously fiscal realities that we have to abide by. But I do think that there will be some things offered on Select File that will help change some of these things to make it a little bit more of a focus, but I do say to my fellow colleagues that if we're going to get involved with this and I certainly hope that we do, that it must be done right and it has to be a commitment for a long-term commitment because we can't do one of these things that we've done in the past where we go ahead and say, yes, this is a good idea, let's go ahead and do so, and then two or three years later we say, well, we're not sure we can afford it at this point, we're going to drop out. Because if it's going to be effective, it has to be something where we get...we begin doing it, we begin marketing our products and we continue to market those products because anyone who is familiar with international trade, international relations, knows it is a very, very long-term, very tedious, laborious task to get into foreign countries to get markets, because not only do you need to get into the marketplace, but you also need to get into getting into the habits and the cultural...different cultural beliefs of the people so to make sure that they accept what it is you're trying to do. And sometimes for people that try to get involved in the market that don't take the time or do not have the money to explore all of those avenues, they end up making mistakes and hurting themselves more than they help themselves. So I would just put a little caution at some point that, if we're going to do this, we need to do it right. I think there is some ways that we'll be able to improve upon what is already a good idea on Select

File and I do encourage the body to keep in mind in the upcoming years that when these things come to debate again, that we continue what we have done today. Hopefully, the body when they vote to advance 1019 will vote it as a long-term commitment, something that Nebraskans need to do. And I appreciate Senator Johnson for bringing this to us. It does show foresight, I think, on his part and the body and the State of Nebraska, I think, will be very, very grateful once we get this implemented if we can get it done in the right manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion, Senator Scofield, followed by Senators Weihsing, Conway and Coordsen.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support this bill wholeheartedly. Senator Johnson is obviously recognizing what is important in the future of this state and moving us in the direction that I think we need to go. As you all know, the eastern Europe things, which have already been referenced here on the floor, I think give us a brief moment of opportunity in the international market if we can figure out what our niche is as a state and how to take advantage of that. There appear to be, based on lectures that I've heard recently from people that have been over there and conversations I've had with people who have been over there, not only opportunities for our agricultural commodities which are probably going to be our major opportunity, but a tremendous demand for things like infrastructure development, educational services, consulting services, many kinds of services that Nebraskans are uniquely qualified to deliver. And I think the important thing is to figure out how we fit into that scenario and what we have to offer over there and how we can tap into that market. For some time now I have been watching the developments in Europe and what we expect to happen in 1992. I think that's still very much unpredictable but, nevertheless, pose some challenges for an agricultural state like Nebraska and also offer some opportunities if we're able to get into that arena and play effectively. I have a couple of thoughts in terms of the things we should think about doing on Select File with this bill. Many of those points have already been made in terms of the kind of expenditures that would be necessary to carry this out, and I agree, we should not send people off to represent us with an unaccomplishable task with too little money, and so I think it is extremely important that we get in place a plan very quickly that recognizes what our unique capabilities are to participate

in this emerging global market in Nebraska and to figure out where our comparative advantages are in this whole scene and it seems to me that has to be the first expenditure of money over and above some other priorities out there. I would suggest that it would be wise if we identify many successful businesses and agricultural exporters that are already out there successfully competing in this international market and see what they can teach us and what they would tell us rather than sitting some poor isolated soul over in the Department of Economic Development saying, go conquer the world for us. It simply can't be done. There are a lot of people out there that we can learn things from that are performing successfully in the international market and I would think that we would want to direct and support the DED department in that kind of direction. We've obviously got industry that have been selling irrigation equipment of a worldwide basis for a long time. They ought to be consulted. I have a constituent that has successfully tapped into the Central American markets in terms of leather products that he is selling. There are numerous people like that around the state of varying sizes from huge corporate interests such as ConAgra that have international interests, Norden Labs now has international interests. I think we ought to pull together a team of people out there who are doing it successfully in the private sector and help them put this plan together for this state. The other area that I think we should make sure that we involve in this whole effort are the commodity boards who have been leaders for a long time in terms of figuring out how to market our agricultural commodities on a global basis. I think Senator Coordsen turned his light back on. He has had a lot of first-hand experience with those groups and so I would very much support this effort and again commend Senator Johnson for his vision and throw out these two practical suggestions about how we might actually make this work. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Weihing.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. Speaker, call the question. I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please. Record please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Johnson, would you care to close?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, several senators would like parts of my closing, so I am going to try and divvy it out as best I can. But I'd like to thank all of the senators who have commented on the bill and I think they have hit upon the main points of this issue. The key, I think, is, one, adequate funding and long-term funding, not a short-term commitment this year and then next year we'll think about it. It has to be something that we're going to make a long-term commitment to. Number two, we have to give it, this office and this division, clear direction on what we want them to do and we can't ask them to do too much in a short period of time. We may have to focus on export enhancement. We may have to focus only on reverse investments or we may have to only focus on trade or tourism as a part of this office, but the clear message is that we've got to give them a role and mission that they can follow, clear direction back here at home and what their role and mission is wherever they may locate this particular office. I guess we can pass all of the LB 775s and 270s that we'd like, but unless we start developing new opportunities for our companies, it's going to be difficult to sustain economic growth in this state and I'm not criticizing 775 because I voted for it, but I'm saying that there are other opportunities out there that we should be involved in and this office would help us get involved in that. And, lastly, I'd just say this is not an attempt to duplicate programs that are already being done and I know Senator Coordsen and I have talked to some other folks with the checkoff boards who are somewhat concerned that we're treading on their soil and that is not the case at all. I'm trying to make sure this program is designed to give opportunity for all facets of our industrial base, not just agriculture or not just major corporations, but I see this bill really benefitting the smaller, mid-sized business person or company that does not have a division within their company that works on export opportunities. I have promised Senator WeiHING, Senator Coordsen and Senator Conway each some time, so I'll start maybe by recognizing Senator WeiHING and then go to Senator Coordsen, then Senator Conway.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator WeiHING.

SENATOR WEIHING: Thank you. I just simply want to commend the speakers on this bill. They have done a superb job. I will not

duplicate. The only comment that I will make beyond that is the industry of tourism and that can be very big. I don't know how many of you realize there are quite a number of clubs over in Germany that are Oregon Trail Clubs. They are very fascinated with the Oregon Trail. And as you know, we have many, many of our people who are descendants from the Germans and also from the Czechs and this is an area that has great potential. One other comment, the more that we begin to trade with various areas of the world, the stronger our relationship will go, be and not only will there be an economic benefit, but there will be a social benefit from that of recognizing and understanding and appreciating ourselves throughout the world. That is all I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Very quickly, so that people don't understand. I do support this bill, but don't expect, don't expect the Department of Economic Development to set up a foreign trade office with the funding of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, the only thing I would like to add and I, as well as all of the other speakers, strongly endorse the bill. I got to watch a briefing from the State Department to the Governor's Association a while back talking about the eastern Europe changes. One facet that I don't think we have spoke too often about relative to this trade issue is the very fact that much of what is going to be happening in east Europe is going to be directly related with their turning over what in many cases is a government activity now into privatization. There are going to be lots of opportunities for American companies to actually go in and procure some of those activities, take them over and have an interrelationship, both there and here, and there is going to be many of these opportunities and many of those eastern European countries are going to be looking for Nebraska or American investors who maybe want a branch plant and then will have that ongoing relationship back and forth. So there is going to be many opportunities in our service industry and we're going to need some formal contact technique so that the businesses here are aware of the opportunities there and the people there are aware of the opportunities here and the trades and the products and everything that goes with it. So I think that this is a

first step and we need to get to it very quickly so that we have these things and these relationships in place for the future. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing and the question is the advancement of LB 1019 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1019.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1019 is advanced. The A bill, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1019A offered by Senator Johnson. (Read title)

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

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, the A bill more adequately reflects the costs of this particular program. I think the A bill calls for \$300,000 to be spent on this particular idea. That is down from what the fiscal note had originally reflected. I think Senator Ashford commented that maybe we need to put more money into this particular program than what is originally designated here, but I guess, for the time being, I'd just like to get the concept rolling and then see where we go from there because, as many have commented here, this is a long-term investment. This is not something that is going to reap immediate benefits to the state and we're going to have to be willing to give it time to grow and to nurture opportunities for Nebraska businesses that we currently don't have and we need to get in that business of being competitive with other states which have foreign trade offices and are exploiting the opportunities that are out there that we have simply let go by since we have no visible or very limited, very, very limited presence in the global economy. So I would just move the A bill to Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall LB 1019A be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1019A.

March 2, 1990

LB 96, 98, 118, 304, 307, 317, 428
430, 473, 518, 536, 675, 677, 735
770, 796, 797, 896, 898, 899, 905
920, 998, 999, 1018, 1019, 1031, 1125
1136, 1170, 1198, 1207, 1211, 1220, 1222

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 1222 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, anything for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of items. Your Committee on Appropriations, whose Chairperson is Senator Warner, to whom was referred LB 1031, reports the bill to the full Legislature with committee amendments; LB 1125, to General File; LB 920, to General File; LB 1170, to General File with amendments; LB 536, General File with amendments; LB 1220, to General File; LB 896, to General File; LB 898, to General File; LB 899, to General File; LB 96, indefinitely postponed; LB 98, indefinitely postponed; LB 118, indefinitely postponed; LB 304, indefinitely postponed; LB 307, indefinitely postponed; LB 317, indefinitely postponed; LB 428, indefinitely postponed; LB 430, indefinitely postponed; LB 473, LB 518, LB 675, LB 677, LB 735, LB 770, LB 796, LB 797, LB 998, LB 999, LB 1198, LB 1207, all indefinitely postponed; and LB 1211 and LB 905, advanced to General File with committee amendments. (See pages 1131-37 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Landis would ask to print amendments to LB 1136 in the Journal. (See pages 1137-38 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator Warner has asked to announce an Executive Session of the Appropriations Committee in Room 1003, upon adjournment today. And I have a request from Senator Ashford to add his name to LB 1018 and LB 1019.

PRESIDENT: No objections, so ordered.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Then, Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Hannibal would move that we adjourn until March 5, 1990, at 9:00 a.m.

March 5, 1990

LB 163, 163A, 542, 571, 880, 953, 953A
1019, 1019A, 1124, 1184, 1184A, 1210
LR 258

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 953A be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on the advancement of the A bill? Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, and members of the body, I would like to advance the A bill as we may need it towards the tail end of the session. I will repeat to you again, there is no cost to this legislation. It will not come back on LB 953 but we may need an A bill on Final Reading later on in the session, and for those reasons, I ask you to advance the A bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, those in favor of the advancement of LB 953A please say aye. Opposed no. Carried. The bill is advanced. Any matters for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Thank you. Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 571 by Senator Hefner. Mr. President, a Reference Report referring LR 258, signed by Senator Labedz as Chair of the Reference Committee. (See pages 1149-52 of the Legislative Journal.)

The Revenue Committee reports LB 1124 to General File with committee amendments attached. That is signed by Senator Hall as Chair of the committee. Appropriations Committee reports LB 1210 to General File. That is signed by Senator Warner as Chair of that committee. Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined engrossed LB 163 and find the same correctly engrossed, LB 163A correctly engrossed, those signed by Senator Lindsay. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1019 to Select File, LB 1019A, LB 1184, LB 1184A, and LB 880, all to Select File, some of which have E & R amendments attached. That is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1052-55 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Moving on to LB 542, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, excuse me, LB 542, I have Enrollment and Review amendments, first of all.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the

ground memberships. And, originally, we had 30 days that it would give the real estate commission to approve them or not to approve them as a licensed person to sell these memberships. We have cut that down to seven days as a compromise, that is seven working days. And that should give the real estate commission enough time and still the kids that want to work in the business and sell them would have the full summer then to do that. That's all that the amendment will do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion? Any discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Nelson? If not, those in favor of its adoption please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Nelson's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 656, as amended, be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the motion to advance LB 656 to E & R engrossing say aye. Opposed no. Carried, the bill is advanced. Rolling over LB 315 to LB 1019, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1019, the first order of business on the bill are Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1019.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Shall the E & R amendments be adopted to LB 1019? All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (Wesely amendment appears on pages 1245-47 of the

Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I've discussed this amendment with Senator Johnson. And, frankly, the bills came up so quick I don't have copies for you. I feel a little reluctant to move forward on it. I'm in a little quandary right now. Let me tell you what we're trying to do and maybe Senator Johnson will get up here in the meantime from his office. I've been trying to get a hold of him. The difficulty that we have with LB 1019 is it's moved, I think Senator Coordsen, he's not here right now, talked about the difficulty of moving directly into a foreign trade office without having the support base and the department here in the state. And so this would change the implementation of this act so that the first phase of the change in the foreign trade activities of the Department of Economic Development would be to have in state staff, and they would have responsibility for developing a number of different trade programs, working with businesses in the state, trade associations in the state, trying to work toward building within the state the ability to export. And then would establish international trade office after July 1, 1991. So, what you would... Oh, here is Senator Johnson. So what we are trying to do is phase in this effort to an international trade office, instead of going with it immediately. That's, essentially, what we're trying to do. And in addition, it provides other guidelines for the department to pursue this effort. I want to again commend Senator Johnson's initiative in picking this as a priority bill. As I mentioned before, Senator Brad Ashford and myself had legislation as well. And, hopefully, we can reach a compromise together to address this issue. Unfortunately, we haven't had much chance to work on it. But that's what the intent of the amendment is. And I would appreciate a chance to discuss it further with the body.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, would you care to discuss the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if Senator Wesely would yield to a question. I listened to him briefly describe this. I guess I didn't listen close enough to what exactly it was he was proposing. And, secondly, one of my usual concerns is, what does it do the price tag of the bill? So, if Senator Wesely could answer that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: The intent is...okay, essentially, what we're doing here is making a number of directive to the department as to developing a trade program, trying to give the department some different responsibilities, and primarily focusing on, first, the first year, dealing with the idea of working with the business community, working with different organizations and trying to see their needs, developing in state the staff support for foreign trade activity. That's really the first year and the first phase. And I...

SENATOR MOORE: If I may...if I may, if I...you're talking about working with the business community in Nebraska as to what their needs would be over there.

SENATOR WESELY: Right, right.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: And then, as we do that the first year, and I think the cost of doing this would be less than the original bill, you know, \$200,000 or so. The bill, I think, calls for 300,000. Then you would follow that up, the next year, with the foreign trade office that Senator Johnson envisions. That would be July 1, 1991. And, obviously, then we'd have a better idea of what the total cost of that would be. But, rather than go to a trade office immediately, you would go toward building the infrastructure within the state, and then move overseas with an office. The problem, Senator Moore, is that right now we only have two people, really one person, dealing with foreign trade in the department. And so, if you have an office over there, it really isn't going to link up back here in the states. The idea is to build within the state and then reach out overseas. It makes a lot more sense. And I have talked to Senator Johnson about it, and I think Senator Coordsen is in agreement and the concept. So I would...

SENATOR MOORE: One last question, Senator Wesely,...

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR MOORE: ...is that I know in the mid-eighties the state pulled back the reigns, so to speak, in some of our foreign

marketing efforts in the Department of Economic Development. In many ways is this trying to go back...I mean the bill itself, I understand, is rebuilding that bridge, and you're just simply saying that as we rebuild it, in your opinion, you should, instead of just throwing the money right at the problem, right up front, you start to find out what direction you need to go for sure.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, yeah, the problem was we did cut back, and it's hurt us. And in addition, that foreign trade office we had in '80-81, back there, it was a failure. And it failed because we didn't have any support base back here. So the idea is get the support base and then send out another base somewhere else before we...I mean after we have the support back here in the state.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, thank you, Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I have sort of fallen down on the job here in that I promised Senator Wesely I would visit with him about his amendment, which is basically the bill that he had introduced earlier this session on a very similar concept to LB 1019. As I've looked through it, and I've talked to my legal staff about this amendment, it's not that it does all that much different than what the original bill's concept does, it's a little more wordy. It does define, in some areas, a little more clearly than my original bill. Senator Ashford and I were just speaking here that he has some concerns that this amendment might preclude the department from doing more in the international area, and rather spend a lot of money building up a huge program here in Lincoln and not doing what we want it to do, which is basically to develop a program in this state to develop an international trade division, which will actually, eventually create an international trade office, which will give us a presence in the international market arena, which I think is sorely needed for this state. With as much as we have to offer the world, I think this is one way that we can do that. So really I have mixed emotions about the amendment. I don't know if it does any more than what the original bill does. But I will talk with Senator Wesely during the course of debate and then make a decision. But I really, you know, if it's adopted, that's fine with me, it doesn't really change the goals of the bill. But I just haven't had a chance to really sit down

with Brad, pardon me, with Don and Brad and talk about how we want to proceed on this issue. Maybe Senator Ashford has some comments he'd like to make. He can have the rest of my time, or I guess he follows me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Just real briefly, I will need, as Senator Johnson, will need some time to take a look at this and talk to Senator Wesely about it. I have the same concerns, though, that we build a bureaucracy up here in the Department of Economic Development and not direct our attention in the way that I think we should, which is out in the field, helping Nebraska companies find markets in Europe or in Asia. Let me...I think the answer, possibly, could be that we would rely on other agencies of state government to provide to our trade officer names of companies that want to do business in Europe or Asia, and that it's not necessary that we form another agency to provide that information to our trade representative. I think, if we...I agree, we need a coordinating office, and maybe we do need to add a person or two to our economic development office in Lincoln on the international trade side. But I still think that the effort ought to be getting away from creating another bureaucracy, dealing directly with the companies that want to do business in Europe or Asia. And I think a lot of that function can be performed by, for example, the University of Nebraska. And I know they are dealing with a lot of food companies, developing food products in Nebraska. I don't see why we would have to pass that through another agency before we get to the trade representatives. So I understand Senator Wesely's concern about not having backup in Nebraska, but I think...I don't want to allocate a lot of funds to creating another agency when we could...money that should go directly to on-line services provided in those countries and finding the best possible person that we can find to try to direct our Nebraska companies to markets in those areas of the world. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Wesely, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, yeah. Mr. Speaker, I simply haven't had time to talk to Brad or Rod on this. It isn't fair to bring the amendment up without having that chance, and I think we need to bring in the Department of Economic Development and some other folks. And so I would withdraw the amendment at this time.

March 7, 1990

LB 1019, 1184A, 1184

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the....I'm sorry. It is withdrawn, I failed to hear that. Anything further?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a motion to indefinitely postpone LB 1019. Senator Johnson, as primary introducer, has the option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd move to lay it over today.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is laid over. Mr. Clerk, proceeding to LB 1184.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1184, I have E & R amendments pending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Shall the E & R amendments be adopted to LB 1184? All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on that bill, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I move that LB 1184 be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? The question is, shall LB 1184 be advanced? All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, the bill is advanced. To the A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 1184A, Senator, I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd move that 1184A be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

March 8, 1990

LB 369, 551, 571, 642, 844, 853, 903
919, 983, 1019, 1031, 1044, 1086, 1090
1105, 1119, 1165, 1167, 1183, 1216, 1217
1228
LR 275, 276

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Hefner, what do you think?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I move for the advancement of LB 571.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB...we are going to skip 1019, I understand. That takes us up to General File. Items for the record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a number of items for the record. The first is I have an explanation of vote from Senator Haberman. For bills read on Final Reading this morning, bills read on Final Reading this morning, Mr. President, have been presented to the Governor as of 11:12 a.m. (Re: LB 1044, LB 844, LB 853, LB 903, LB 919, LB 983, LB 1086, LB 1105, LB 1119, LB 1165, LB 1167, LB 1183, LB 1216, LB 1217, LB 1228. See page 1273 of the Legislative Journal.)

New resolutions, LR 275 by Senator Wehrbein. (Read brief explanation.) LR 276 by Speaker Barrett, Senators Withem, Coordsen, Labedz, Warner, Hall. (Read brief explanation.) That will be laid over as well. (See pages 1273-75 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have a report of registered lobbyists for this week, Mr. President, required by statute. Amendments to be printed to LB 1090 by Senator McFarland, LB 1019; LB 551 by Senator Lynch; LB 1031 by Senator Baack and others, and, Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined engrossed LB 369 and find the same correctly engrossed. That is signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair of the E & R Committee. That is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1275-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will go on to General File and LB 642, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 642 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Ashford, along with Senators Weihing, Crosby, and Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was introduced, Mr. President, last year. It was referred to Judiciary,

March 21, 1990

LB 899, 920, 1019, 1141
LR 328

E & R amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the E & R amendments be adopted to 899? All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. They are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 899, as amended, be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Seeing none, shall LB 899 be advanced? All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. The bill is advanced. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner has amendments to LB 1141 to printed; Senators Johnson and Byars to LB 920. Senator Wesely would like to add his name to LB 1019, and Senator Schimek to LR 328. That is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1569-71 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for an excellent day. The work product has been excellent today. I am grateful. Thank you very much. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you please adjourn us.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I move we adjourn until tomorrow morning, 9:00 a.m., March 21st (sic).

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to adjourn until nine o'clock tomorrow morning. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. We are adjourned. (Gavel.)

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March 22, 1990

LB 315, 1019A, 1019

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb requested a record vote. (Record vote read. See page 1588 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 32 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 315 is advanced. To LB 1019, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, on 1019, the first item I have is a motion from Senator Wesely to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Wesely, I understand you want to withdraw this motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next item, Mr. President, is an amendment from Senator Wesely. This is AM2681, Senator Wesely. I understand this also is to be withdrawn.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have an amendment from Senator McFarland with a note on it that it also is to be withdrawn, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: In that case, I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 1019 be advanced to E & R for Engrossment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion on the advancement of LB 1019? Seeing none, all in favor of it's advancement please say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it. Motion carried. The bill is advanced. To the A bill, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have no E & R amendments on LB 1019A.

March 27, 1990

LB 315, 536, 551, 551A, 799, 898, 899
920, 1019, 1019A, 1031, 1125, 1126, 1136
1170, 1220, 1246

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Please stand. The opening prayer of the day by Pastor Robert Bye of the First Presbyterian Church of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Senator Wehrbein's district. Pastor Bye. (Gavel.)

PASTOR BYE: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you so much, Reverend Bye. Please come back again. Roll call.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: I understand we're about ready to start. Mr. Speaker, would you explain the progression we're going to follow, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Obviously we do have a problem with the electronic voting board this morning. Apparently everything else is working. The microphones and the panels on either side of the board are okay, so rather than waste some time waiting for repair people to arrive on the scene, I'd recommend we get started and when it comes to casting a vote, we'll have to either use hands, voice vote or, of course, a roll call. So if we can put up with the inconvenience for a short while, we should be back in business as soon as the repair people are on site. Mr. President, I'd suggest we go ahead with the first item on the agenda.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Have you any corrections, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 1246 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with E & R amendments attached. Mr. President, Enrollment and Review also reports they have carefully engrossed LB 315 and find it correctly engrossed as well as LB 536, LB 551, LB 551A, LB 799, LB 898, LB 899, LB 920, LB 1019, LB 1019A, LB 1031, LB 1125, LB 1126, LB 1136, LB 1170 and LB 1220, all of those reported

March 29, 1990

LB 902, 976, 1019, 1153

Mr. President, Senator Haberman would like to add his name to LB 902, and to LB 1019 as co-introducer. Mr. President, Senator Byars has amendments to be printed to LB 1153. That is all that I have. (See pages 1736-40 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to adjourn until eight o'clock in the morning. A machine vote has been requested. All in favor of adjourning until tomorrow morning at eight o'clock vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on a motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at eight o'clock. Please vote if you'd care to vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Was there a request for a roll call vote? I'm sorry, I did not hear. Request for a call of the house. Shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, check in please. Members, record your presence. Those members off the floor, please return. Senators Goodrich, Scofield, Korshoj, the house is under call. Members, return to your seats for roll call vote. (Cavel.) Return to your seats for a roll call vote. The question is adjournment. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1741 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adjourn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the Johnson amendment is by Senator Landis.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it strikes me that a number of our colleagues have voted with their feet on this last motion to adjourn, and that both Senator Pirsch, Senator Johnson and myself are suffering from the difficulty of trying to get 25 votes with 38 people on the

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Journal.) 43 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 799 passes with the emergency clause attached.
LB 1019.

CLERK: (Read LB 1019 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 1019 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1839 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 8 nays, 3 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 1019 passes. May I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Moore. In the south balcony, we have 10 junior high students from Bee Public Schools and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. LB 1019A.

CLERK: (Read LB 1019A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 1019A pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1840 of the Legislative Journal.) 34 ayes, 5 nays, 7 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 1019A passes. To the students from Bee, Nebraska, I might explain we're on what we call Final Reading and the Clerk is actually reading all of the bill that is being voted on. At the time you probably can't listen that fast but he actually does read it and it gives members of the Legislature time to reflect a little and vote the way they want to. So bear with us. Mr. Clerk, LB 1059.

CLERK: (Read LB 1059 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law...Senator Withem, please.

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880A, 953A, 1004, 1004A, 1019, 1019A, 1059
1059A, 1064, 1064A, 1080, 1080A, 1113, 1113A
1136, 1146, 1184, 1184A, 1222A
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CLERK: (Read LB 1222A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is shall LB 1222A pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1847 of Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 1222A passes. Do you have something for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, a new resolution by the Judiciary Committee, (LR 418.) a study resolution. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1064 and LB 1064A as correctly engrossed, both signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair; and LB 1059 and LB 1059A is correctly enrolled. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1113 and LB 1113A to Select File, signed by Senator Lindsay. Amendments to be printed by Senator Hartnett to LB 953A, Senator Hall to LB 866. And, Mr. President, a confirmation report from Transportation Committee signed by Senator Lamb as Chair. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1847-52 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session, capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 880, LB 880A, LB 1004, LB 1004A, LB 1080, LB 1080A, LB 1184, LB 1184A, LB 656, LB 1146, LB 42, LB 42A, LB 799, LB 1019, LB 1019A, LB 1059A, LB 1059, LB 1136, LB 1122, correction, LB 1222, and LB 1222A. We're ready to go. Mr. Clerk, do you have something on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, motion pending from this morning was one offered by Senator Chambers and that motion was to overrule or change the Speaker's agenda to permit consideration of a suspension motion relating to LB 642.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel). Could we have your attention so we can hear the speaker? Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is a continuation from what I was attempting

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855A, 880, 880A, 896A, 920, 1004, 1004A
1019, 1019A, 1043, 1059, 1059A, 1030A, 1090
1109, 1222, 1222A, 1241

Mr. President, I have received veto messages on the following bills: LB 1059, LB 1059A, LB 42, LB 42A, LB 880, LB 880A, LB 1004 and LB 1004A, LB 1019 and LB 1019A, LB 1080A, LB 1222 and LB 1222A, LB 571A, LB 834, LB 843 and LB 843A, LB 855 and LB 855A, LB 896A, LB 1043, LB 1090 has a line-item reduction, LB 920 has a line-item reduction, LB 1241 has a line-item reduction. (See Messages from the Governor as found on pages 1985-98 of the Legislative Journal.) All those, Mr. President, as I indicated, are available to the members on their desks. Have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Schmit regarding LB 1059 and I believe that's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We have a motion from Speaker Barrett. Speaker Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I offer the motion to suspend Rule 6, Section 7, subsection (b), and Rule 5, Section 6, to permit these bills to be read on Final Reading this morning. The first part, of course is to waive the two-day limitation, and the second is to allow the A bills to be read. I would urge the body to adopt the motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the suspension of the rules motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on the suspension of the rules to permit reading of the bills this morning.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended and we'll begin Final Reading. If you will find your ways to your own desk, why, we would start Final Reading. (Gavel.) Please return to your desks so we can begin Final Reading. Senator Haberman, would you come home, please? Mr. Clerk, LB 1109, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, I had amendments from Senator McFarland.

PRESIDENT: Is anyone prepared to handle Senator McFarland's motion on this bill? Senator McFarland, you had a motion on this first bill.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Mr. President, could you read the motion for me?

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obviously a little disappointed that this issue was not signed. But I think it's a substantial enough issue to ask for an override.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the veto on LB 163 be overridden? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I think it takes 30 votes, so I would prefer to have a call of the house and check in and a roll call vote, please.

PRESIDENT: Okay, will you please check in. Record your presence. Please check in. Please punch your green light. Please check in. Senator Wesely. Senator Schmit, please. Senator Schellpeper. Senator Goodrich. Senator Haberman, punch in, please. Thanks. Roll call vote, and the question is, shall the veto of LB 163 be overridden. Mr. Clerk. Hold your conversation down so the Clerk can hear you, please. Thank you. Reverse order has been requested. Okay.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2033 of the Legislative Journal.) 31 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 163 is overridden. LB 1019...LB 163A.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move that LB 163A become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, the A bill.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd simply move the A bill to be...to override the Governor's veto of LB 163A.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the veto be overridden on LB 163A? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2034 of the Legislative Journal.) 31 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on LB 163A becoming law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: LB 1019, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move that LB 1019 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, there is such a thing as bad timing when bringing a bill at this particular point, after I've just exhausted probably all my votes out of this Legislature this year. But LB 1019 was a bill designed to help move us forward in the international trade area, developing a division within DED for the purposes of establishing a trade policy and then to go out and hopefully establish a trade office at some particular point. We tentatively, I think, have 300,000 General Fund money in the bill. After the last vote I guess...I realize my chance of getting two 30 votes today are probably not that good. But I'll go ahead and just make the motion and see what happens.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I co-sponsored the bill along with Senator Brad Ashford. We looked a lot at the issue. I think you all know what it is. We're last, I think, in the country in efforts in this area. It would be nice if we could move up just a little bit, 300,000 is money well spent in this area.

PRESIDENT: Senator Korshoj, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, Senator Hall passed me a note said that pigs get fat, but hogs get slaughtered. And so maybe that's what's going to happen to me here today. But I'm asking for your generosity in helping, as Senator Wesely has

pointed out, we have a very limited staff at DED, very limited attention focused on this particular area within DED. And here we are promoting ourselves as an economic development state, and yet we're doing nothing to promote ourselves outside of the state on the international level where opportunities abound, I think. We're one of five, or six, or seven states that don't have any, any presence world wide, and I think this bill would have had...helped build on that. So I will, I will ask for your favorable vote on this override.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the veto of LB 1019 be overridden? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2034-35 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 31 nays, Mr. President, on the override.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. LB 503.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB...Senators Kristensen, Baack, Chambers, Bernard-Stevens and Goodrich would move that LB 503 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 503 is not one of those politically sensitive bills, it's certainly not one that's controversial, no matter which side of the fence you're on, but it's one that we probably should do. It's the raise of the constitutional officers. Senator Baack will go through with you and try to give you some idea, since it's out of the Government Committee, what those raises are exactly, it will give him something to do when I give him some of my time. Seriously, this is one of those issues that I don't understand why they get vetoed, but they do. And I think previous Governor's have vetoed these bills for a variety of reasons because they fear political reprisals, they fear adverse reaction. Somewhere we've got to stand up and say, look, the people who are going to be the chief executive officer of this state, not only the Governor, but the Attorney General, the Auditor, the Secretary of State and so on deserve to be fairly compensated, they lack poorly. They are far behind their colleagues in every other state in this country. I assume that you remember our discussion about where they rank, particularly