

Second Session of the 91st Legislature please vote aye, opposed nay. Record vote has been requested. Voting on the adoption of the permanent rules. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 202-03 of the Legislative Journal.) 36 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of permanent rules.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion is adopted. For the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 1033-1036 by title for the first time. See pages 203-04 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. A very brief announcement. Many of you in this body will remember former Senator William Hasebrook. A note of interest, his wife did pass away last evening. Memorial services are scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 at four o'clock at Westminster Presbyterian Church here in Lincoln. Mrs. William Hasebrook. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: I would move that we recess until 1:30 p.m.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to recess until one-thirty. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, we are adjourned. (sic)

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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Just a gentle reminder, ladies and gentlemen, that we have now gone through about 15 minutes to just barely get a quorum. On the third day of the session it might be a good idea to remind you that at this pace we will have lost this week, five days, about two and a half hours. If this continues during the 60-day session, we will have lost nearly two days. It seems to me that we could perhaps do a little better job of getting back to the floor at one-thirty, getting to the floor at nine o'clock in the morning. I would ask for your cooperation. Mr. Clerk, proceeding to General

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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,

foster parents coming together can be beneficial to each other and be supportive of each other. And that is something that they're thinking will be very favorable for them as a group.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Smith, would you be...I'm on now page 1078 of your...of the Journal, or Section 15 of your amendment...of the bill or the amendment, 1078. While you're looking for that, on Section 15 it says, funds of the department may be used to defray the reasonable expenses. Would you be amenable to just a quick amendment that would say, funds of the department shall be used to defray reasonable expenses?

SENATOR SMITH: I have no problem with that. I don't know if the department has one or not, but I don't.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, when I get concerned is when the people say, well, we hope they'll be defrayed. And, of course, you and I both know that sometimes that may not happen. So now we're again mandating things, putting an extra burden on these people. I'd rather them, if we're going to say we're going to do the training, which they need, we should be willing to at least help them pay for that training.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: You want...could I...are you talking...I'll say yes, I would not be opposed to that. But could I just tell you one other thing that I think I forgot to mention earlier, and that is that LB 1036, which is Senator Crosby's bill dealing with the sale of lands, that money will be earmarked for this purpose. So we know that there will be \$100,000, I believe it was, that is going to go for this specific reason and purpose, to support this. So, for those that had a concern about where is the money going to come from, and how is it going to be funded, I didn't mention that earlier.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, would you like to close on your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Do you want me to keep talking for a little bit? Okay, let's see. I'll summarize for you the benefits that foster parent children...or foster children would receive from the bill itself. And these are some of the things that we've

earmarked in the A bill actually is for that purpose that he's talking about. So I see no problem with saying "shall" instead of "may". And I would support that.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Did you wish to close, Senator Bernard-Stevens? The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the Smith amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 11 ayes, 0 nays on the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the Smith amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Bernard-Stevens amendment to the Smith amendment is adopted. Do you have any other amendments to the Smith amendment?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further to the Smith amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Now we're back on your amendment, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I wish I had Ernie's gift for speaking when he gets on the floor here sometimes. What I would just like to do is remind all of you that this is a bill that was heard last year, was favorably reported out of committee by the members of the committee, and has had a lot of support from other individuals. I'm very hopeful that the Governor's support will be there again this year. And what it would do is now require that any person who becomes a foster parent would have to, before they can become a foster parent, receive between 12 to 24 hours of training, and then every year thereafter. There is an A bill attached to it. That money in that bill is earmarked, with a lot of the funding coming from the sale of some lands, which is being proposed through a bill by Senator Crosby, LB 1036. And they shall be reimbursed for the costs that are accrued to them to get this training. We're hopeful that this is going to result in fewer disruptions as far as placements are concerned in foster families, and that then those people will be better equipped to deal with the children that they are serving, because of the special needs that many of those children have. And the foster parents, themselves, come to understand the system that they find themselves in and can deal with the complexities of it and with caring for these