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LB 259, 1049, 1050

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning chaplain of the day, Pastor Robert Kunz of the First Christian Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Would you please rise for the invocation.

PASTOR KUNZ: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Pastor Kunz, we appreciate your being here this morning. Come back and see us again some time. Roll call, please.

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

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

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no messages, reports or announcements this morning.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any bills to introduce?

CLERK: Mr. President, two new bills. (Read LB 1049 and LB 1050 by title for the first time. See page 222 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll move onto General File then, LB 720. Since we moved 720 and 720A yesterday, we'll move on to LB 259.

CLERK: Mr. President, 259 was a bill introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of last year, Mr. President. At that time it was referred to the Education Committee. The bill was reported to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please. Did you wish to talk about the bill, or about the amendments first?

SENATOR WITHEM: I have ten minutes to introduce it. I think I can get through an explanation of the bill and also into the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

Mr. President, I have a hearing notice from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, for the Business and Labor Committee and for the Retirement Systems Committee, all signed by their respective Chairs.

Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 678 to Select File, E & R amendments; LB 678A, Select File with E & R; LB 720, Select File with E & R and LB 720A, Select File with E & R also, all signed by Senator Lindsay. (See pages 265-66 of the Legislative Journal.)

And I have a reference report, Mr. President, referring LBs 1049-1079. (Also LB 1034. See page 265 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Those in favor of the motion to recess until one-thirty please say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, we are recessed.

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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. With a quorum present, we will proceed back to our discussion of LB 742 at which time we were discussing the committee amendments to LB 742. We will return to the speaking order. Correction, we're on a motion to advance the bill. The speaking order beginning with Senator Dierks, if you would care to discuss the motion to advance the bill to E & R, Senator Dierks, followed by Senators Landis, Moore, Smith, Schmit and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I just rise to support Senator Robak's LB 742. I think that... I think these people have a track record that is good and I think we need to honor that. I believe that we do allow people on our roads sometime that maybe shouldn't be there. I don't know how we can stop some of that, but this is some legislation that will allow people to drive again that their track record is proven, they can handle this situation. And they have been kept from this right by the bureaucracy and I think it's time for the bureaucracy to give the right back to them. So I would support 742 and I would urge other people here to do the same thing.

please, while we're here.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 960A was introduced by Senator Withem.
(Read title.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, this is the A bill. I think we discussed it during the debate over the bill. It's the funding mechanism for the bill. We will have to put...it appropriates at this point the administrative cost, \$157,000, one year; \$155,000 the other year. I urge that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the A bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 960A.

PRESIDENT: The A bill is advanced. If I could have your attention just a moment, please. We have a special guest in the south balcony. He is a brother of Senator McFarland and he is from Blue Hill, Nebraska. And wave your hand so we can see who you are, Mark. We're happy to have you with us. Thank you for being here. Mr. Clerk, something for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Your Committee on General Affairs, whose Chair is Senator Smith, reports LB 507 as indefinitely postponed, and LB 1120 as indefinitely postponed. Those are both signed by Senator Smith as Chair of the committee. (The Legislative Journal also shows LB 1049 as indefinitely postponed. See page 899 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, new bill offered by the Special Franklin Investigating Committee, signed by its membership. (Read LB 1246 by title for the first time. See page 899 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 1146 to Select File with E & R amendments attached. (See page 900 of the Legislative Journal.)

Retirement Systems offers a confirmation hearing report, Mr. President, as does the General Affairs Committee. Those are