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being here and thank you for your services. We also have guests of Senator Rod Johnson under the north balcony. We have Omer Troester of Hampton, Nebraska. With him is an exchange student, Alberto Porras of Costa Rica. Would you gentlemen please stand up and be recognized. Thank you for being here. We also have, over under the south balcony, a former member of this Legislature, Senator Tom Fitzgerald, would you please stand up and wave your hand. Thank you. Please welcome Senator Fitzgerald back. Thank you, Tommy. Mr. Clerk, back to the reading.

CLERK: (Read LB 81-98 by title of the first time. See pages 61-67 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We'll stand at ease for some 15 minutes or half an hour while we get some of the work caught up up here in front. So be at ease, please, for a while. Thank you.

EASE

CLERK: Meeting of the Health Committee, under the north balcony, right now. Health Committee, north balcony right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAPRETT: Additional bill introductions, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 99-150 by title for the first time. See pages 67-76 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: More bill introductions, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 151-160 by title for the first time. See pages 76-79 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, in addition to those new bills I have new resolutions. (Read LR 1-2 for the first time. See pages 79-81 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items I have a series of announcements. Mr. President, there will be a meeting of the Executive Board today at three-fifteen for purposes of referencing. Executive Board, three-fifteen for referencing.

Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would like to have a meeting

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would ask if the Clerk has any messages on the President's desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Banking, Commerce and Insurance reports LB 222 to General File with amendments; LB 746, General File; LB 749, General File; and LB 105, indefinitely postponed, all signed by Senator Landis. New resolution, LR 56, by Senator Haberman congratulating the Perkins County High School basketball team. Transportation gives notice of confirmation hearing. Amendments to be printed from Senator Beck to LB 250, Senator Goodrich to LB 340, Senator Wesely to LB 340, and Senator Korshoj to LB 54. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1165-70 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The question before the body is one of adjournment. Those in favor of adjourning please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adjourn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Back to discussion on the advancement of the bill. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Are there others lights after mine?

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry, yes, there are. Senator Baack, I'm sorry, I overlooked one light. Senator Withem's light has been on.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I was going to call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate closes. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: I think we've debated enough. I would just urge the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Shall LB 183 be advanced to E & R Engrossing? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted, if you'd care to vote? Senator

A bill. The A bill is calculated on this basis. I'd move its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely. Did you wish to close, Senator Warner? Okay, the question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Warner amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to amend the bill. (The Moore amendment appears on page 2257 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, if you look at page 2257 of the Journal, you will see this amendment, it's printed. And, quite simply, what this amendment is, this is an amendment that's a "catch a mother napping amendment" and I am going to withdraw it but I'm going to use it to speak on the issue. What this amendment is it relates to LB 105, a bill that I have introduced for a couple of years now dealing with certain items that a certain insurance company in the state, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, refuses to cover. There was legislation passed in the seventies or sixties by then Senator Harold Simpson that required insurance companies to cover all forms of ailments. For a variety of methods, Blue Cross-Blue Shield has used different definitions to, at least in my own opinion, at least, to circumvent the intent of the law and not cover chiropractic payments. I have had trouble with this bill. I have introduced it twice and I've never been able to get it out of committee for a variety of reasons. If I was...had less scruples than some people, I guess I'd just say this is a "trust me" amendment and try and adopt it this morning, but for my own credibility's sake I will not do that. And...but I will allow, I think, some...a couple of people wanted to say a few things, I will allow a couple of people to say a few things before I withdraw it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.