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LB 259, 880, 942, 1051-1056

that Senator Withem and Scotty Moore and others have been working long and hard on that. I'm a little apprehensive in some way, but nonetheless, I know they are working at it and that is good. So without any further comments, I would ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. For the record, Mr. Clerk, new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, a few things, yes, sir, thank you. New bills: (Read LBs 1051-1056 by title for the first time. See pages 224-26 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, finally, I have a hearing notice from the Judiciary Committee for Wednesday, January 17. That is signed by Senator Chizek. (Re: LB 880 and LB 942.)

And the last item, Mr. President, lobby report for November 18 through January 8, 1990. Mr. President, at this time I have nothing further pending to the Education Committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Withem, would you care to discuss the committee amendments, please?

SENATOR WITHEM: Is this to open the discussion to debate or to close? Are there other lights on?

SPEAKER BARRETT: This is a discussion on the committee amendments. Would you care to...(interruption)

SENATOR WITHEM: I believe I was introduced earlier for my ten minutes to discuss them, so I will just wait and see if other people wish to discuss them and then...

SPEAKER BARRETT: There are no other lights on at the present time. If you'd like to refresh our memories with your earlier discussion, perhaps this will generate some debate.

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.

RECESS

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.

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LB 1051, 1112-1113  
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Supreme Court. So what I am going to do, having been properly instructed by Senator Kristensen is withdraw that amendment that I have offered because there has been no debate on it and I'm going to offer a different one.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 1112-1113 by title for the first time. See page 283 of the Legislative Journal.)

And, Mr. President, Senator Dierks would like to add his name to LB 1051 as co-introducer. (See page 283 of the Legislative Journal.) And that is all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you care to recess us until one-thirty.

SENATOR HEFNER: (Mike not on.) ...we recess until one-thirty this afternoon.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the motion to recess until one-thirty. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, we are recessed.

RECESS

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Members, please report to the Chamber, roll call in progress. Members, please record your presence. Those outside the Legislative Chamber, please return to process this afternoon's business. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: One item, Mr. President. Judiciary Committee gives notice of public hearing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Announcement from the Chair

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LB 87, 159, 163, 163A, 220, 240, 257  
313, 315, 397, 399, 486, 488, 488A  
756, 856, 911, 963, 1002, 1026, 1033  
1037, 1050, 1051, 1090, 1108, 1109, 1141  
1168, 1181, 1190  
LR 239, 240

PRESIDENT: Okay. Thank you. Senator Ashford, you are next, but may I introduce some guests under the south balcony, please. We have from District 22, which is Senator Robak's district, Dianne Foltz of Platte Center and Betty Grant of Columbus, Nebraska. With them are three AFS students, Jean/David Miquel of Paris, France, and Patty Cervantes from Bolivia, and Shane Walker from Australia. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Mr. Clerk, you have something for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, very quickly. Enrollment and Review reports LB 163 to Select File, LB 163A to Select File, those signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. Agriculture Committee, whose Chair is Senator Rod Johnson, reports LB 856 to General File. (See page 429 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Coordsen, as Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, has selected LB 313 and LB 315 as the committee priority bills for the year. And Enrollment and Review reports LB 87, LB 220, LB 240, LB 257, LB 397, LB 399, LB 486, LB 488, LB 488A, LB 756 all correctly engrossed. Those signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. (See pages 430-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, notice of hearings from the Education Committee and from the Natural Resources Committee, signed by the respective chairs. (Re: LB 1190, LB 1181, LB 1168, LB 911, LB 1050, LB 1090, LB 1033, LB 1037, LB 963, LB 1026, LB 1108, LB 1109, LB 1141, LB 1002, LB 1051, LR 239 and LR 240.) And Senator Haberman has amendments to be printed to LB 163. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 433-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, did you wish to speak on the first set of Kristensen amendments?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Oh, you call the question. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor...Do I see five hands, first? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. What do you think, Senator Ashford? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

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LB 313, 313A, 602, 618, 662, 858, 875  
891, 906, 907, 1013, 1051, 1059A  
LR 254, 255

I can go to the hospital, even...and have them stick a knife in my body and work on it. I don't think people are going to do that. And, if they're injured, I don't think they're just going to be lapping up all this cream that we're so concerned about. There are times when you're drawing workmen's comp when you can be taxed by the federal government. In certain situations, if you are on a light duty status, where you can't make it on the existing workmen's comp, and the employer says, well, come back, we'll give you light duty and we'll give you a little bit of a wage, not your total wage, and then your workmen's comp makes up what your total wage would have been, then that is all balled into a wage, and that is taxed. You can check it out if you'd like. So there are times it is taxed on the federal level, when you can't make it and are forced to go back to work, often times after further aggravating your injuries, but you just can't make it. So that's what...that's how light duty came into existence, because of poor workmen's comp. We know you're injured but...and we know you can't make it, so come on back and we'll give you a little bit to do a little bit. It might further aggravate your injury, might make things worse in the long-run, but we know you can't make it, so come on back, you'll help us out at a cheap rate. And, oh, by the way, you will be taxed on your workmen's comp, too. They probably leave that part out. But I don't think we're going to have people, part-time employees, rushing out to injure themselves so they can draw this extra 20 bucks a week, or whatever it is. I don't think we have a big concern about that and I would support Senator Hall's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 254, and LR 255. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to read in?

CLERK: Mr. President, Education Committee reports LB 618 to General File; and LB 1051 to General File, those signed by Senator Withem. New A bills. (Read LB 1059A and LB 313A by title for the first time.) Senator Smith has amendments to LB 662. I have a motion for introduction of a new bill that will be laid over, that's offered by Senator Coordsen. And, Mr. President, LB 602, LB 858, LB 875, LB 891, LB 906, LB 907, and LB 1013 are reported correctly engrossed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 788-91 of the Legislative Journal.)