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LB 240, 514, 718, 855, 972, 1140-1147  
LR 239

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 330-31 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: LB 514 fails to advance. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Just one item, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised. Did you want to enter some bills, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Thank you. Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 1140-1147 by title for the first time. See pages 331-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have a new constitutional amendment, LR 239CA, offered by Senators Withem, Warner, Lindsay, Barrett and Weihsing. (Read brief summary of resolution. See pages 333-37 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be referred to Reference.

Finally, Mr. President, I have a notice of hearing from the Agriculture Committee, that's signed by Senator Rod Johnson as Chair of the committee. (Re: LB 855, LB 972, and LB 718.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack is not here at the moment, so we'll go to LB 240.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 240 was a bill introduced by Senator Hall. It is on Select File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have an amendment. Senator, you want to take up your amendment, or you want to refresh the body as to the bill?

SENATOR HALL: Whatever you think is appropriate, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. If I could

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LB 161, 1136-1171, 1181-1194

Mr. President, finally, I have a reference report referring LBs 1136-1171. (See pages 373-74 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, announcement, the Speaker would like to hold a chairmen's meeting tomorrow morning at eight-fifteen in Room 2102. The Speaker is calling a chairmen's meeting tomorrow morning at eight-fifteen in Room 2102. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do we have some new bills, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills: (Read LBs 1181-1194 by title for the first time. See pages 374-77 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll move on to General File, LB 161, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 161 was a bill that was originally introduced by Senators Rod Johnson, Scofield, Coordsen, Baack, Weihing, Schellpeper and Elmer. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of last year, Mr. President. It was referred to the Agriculture Committee for public hearing. The bill was brought to the floor with committee amendments attached. It was considered on April 5, Mr. President. At that time Senator Johnson made a motion to bracket the bill until January 1 of this year. I have pending the committee amendments. They have not been adopted yet, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, the committee amendments are relatively straightforward. It is simple but I would like to share them with you and indicate that hopefully they are noncontroversial. There are four parts to the committee amendment. The first requires the Department of Agriculture to use other agencies when enforcement is necessary in the question of water quality. The Department of Agriculture is the lead agency in implementing this bill, but in many cases we have expertise, especially with water quality and other areas including the Department of Environmental Control, through their work; the Department of Health for the Safe Drinking Water Act and the State Resources Office and there is just a variety of different agencies that I think the department could turn to for assistance and I think the important thing is to make sure that

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Hefner, or no, Senator Coordsen, would you answer a question for me, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Of course.

SENATOR NELSON: In the last sentence of your amendment, or two sentences, and if there are not enough funds available, then such benefits shall be appropriated from the General Fund. Is that our General Fund of our state budget?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes.

SENATOR NELSON: Whoa, whoa, do you know what you're asking for?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yup, I think. Could I...I've got my light on next, so...

SENATOR NELSON: I hope you do. Senator Wesely mentioned the treatment was five or \$6,000 a month for in-house treatment. As you know, I had LB 1142 in front of the Revenue Committee and I think it's still sitting there. I simply wanted to get some help in rehabilitation and services for juveniles, so I've just been down through the cost of treatment. I have not found anyplace that is less than \$7,000. We're talking up to 11,000 and \$12,000 for a 30-day treatment. I can name the places here. When...and my bill was very limited to juveniles because if I opened it up and matching Medicaid as Senator Wesely said, we're opening up a big, big can of worms here and untold number of people that may or may not qualify. I know the intentions are good. Senator Coordsen, Senator Hefner and...but what I find in this and the cost of treatment and what is available and insurance base part, insurance doesn't...most of these unemployed people wouldn't have insurance in the first place, so for our to say that it would come from the General Fund, I could see the biggest can of worms opened up here that you could possibly imagine. I could visualize four, five, \$6 million if you really wanted to take advantage of it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body,