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LB 259, 981, 982, 983, 984, 1195-1219
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CLERK: Mr. President, I do, thank you. (Read LBs 1195-1219 by title for the first time. See pages 378-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, two new constitutional amendments. (Read LRs 242-243 by title for the first time. See pages 383-88 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Government Committee gives notice of hearing for January 25, signed by Senator Baack. Banking Committee, whose Chair is Senator Landis reports LB 983 to General File, LB 984 to General File, LB 981 General File with amendments, LB 982 General File with amendments. (See pages 388-90 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, proceeding to Select File, LB 259.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first order of business on 259 are Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: E & R amendments. Senator Withem, would you handle the E & R amendments on 259.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, beings our E & R Chairman is too busy at the moment, I'll be happy to move that the E & R amendments to 259 be approved.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Any objection? Any conversation? Seeing none, those in favor of the adoption of the E & R amendments to 259 please say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Haberman. (Haberman amendment appears on page 365 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, my amendment addresses the dates that are on page 3. It says that the act would commence February 1, 1991, pertaining to the filing of a petition. The bill will possibly go into effect in July and that would be about six months to give people an

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LB 272A, 1117, 1135, 1172-1242
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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We are happy to have with us this morning as our Chaplain of the day, Mr. Gerry Harris, who is the Executive Secretary of the Gideons, and lives in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the invocation.

MR. GERRY HARRIS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Harris. We appreciate your coming and giving us the benediction, not the benediction, the invocation this morning. 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 a Reference Report referring LBs 1172-1242, and LRs 242-245, signed by Senator Labedz, as Chair of the Reference Committee. Senator Coordsen gives notice of hearing for the Business and Labor Committee for February 5 and January 29. (Re: LB 1135, LB 1117.)

I have a report of registered lobbyists for the week of January 18, and, Mr. President, an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Landis regarding LB 272A. (See pages 421-24 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President,

PRESIDENT: We will move on, Senator Lamb, are you in position to handle that confirmation report. Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, and members, I would offer to the body the confirmation report for Mr. Myers.

CLERK: Senator, yeah, Lawrence Myers, the Nebraska Power Review Board.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. Myers appeared before the Natural Resources Committee about two days ago and he is a reappointment. He was appointed, I believe, late last year and there was no opposition to his reappointment, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that Mr. Myers be appointed to

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little slower than what the original bill proposed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have something you'd like to read in at this time?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Very quickly, two new resolutions. (Read brief descriptions of LR 254 and LR 255. See pages 770-71 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Government Committee reports LB 1107 to General File with amendments, LB 1172 General File with amendments, those signed by Senator Baack. Education reports LB 913 indefinitely postponed, LB 1201 indefinitely postponed, LR 240CA indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Withem. And Government reports LB 1184 to General File with amendments. Amendments to be printed to LB 520 by Senator Schellpeper, Senator Kristensen to LB 159 and Senator Beck to LB 163. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 773-77 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, you are next followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, in my 12 years in the Legislature I have had very, very, very few occasions to agree and be on the same side as Senator Chambers, so this is a new for me. I do agree with Senator Chambers' amendment, cutting the 7 percent to 5 percent as this would still end up a 53 percent increase in 11 years. Although I do not subscribe to some of the other thoughts that Senator Chambers had about judges, I would like to put in the record that I do subscribe to his amendment in cutting the 7 percent to 5 percent as a 53 percent increase in 11 years is a considerable amount of increase and I do support that part of his amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, you know I always wish some time that I could be on an issue that is riding the wave of popularity. It seems to me like I'm either ahead or behind of the power curve all the time. One of my concerns many years ago, and Senator Chambers addressed that concern with me, was the drug problem. You go back and check the record, it was