the Executive Board will meet in...the Reference Committee will meet in Room 2102 at three-fifteen today for purposes of referencing bills, Reference Committee at three-fifteen.

Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 161-189 by title for the first time. See pages 82-88 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have requests from Senators Chambers, Nelson, Schellpeper, Hefner, Lamb, Crosby and Hartnett to add their name to LB 48 as co-introducer; Senator McFarland and Schellpeper to LB 52 as co-introducer and Senator Carson Rogers to LB 84 as co-introducer. (See page 88 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: No objections, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, an announcement from the Agriculture Committee and signed by Senator Rod Johnson, the Ag Committee has selected Senator Owen Elmer as its Vice-Chairperson. Mr. President, I believe that is all that I have.

PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, we're about to start the proceedings for the afternoon, and we're very grateful to have with us Father Dawson this afternoon for our invocation. Would you please rise for Father Dawson.

FATHER DAWSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Father Dawson. Please feel free to stay with us as long as you like. We're privileged to have with us this afternoon the Nebraska National Guard who will present colors. Would you please rise.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

FRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen of the National Guard, we appreciate your being with us and presenting the colors today. If I might say a word to those who will be escorting the folks in today, it will be necessary that we do it a little bit different than we usually do it. When one group of ushers brings in their group, please bring them up onto the stage and then retire back to your seats until the inauguration proceedings are over with and then I will call you back one group at a time to take your group back, because if we should all come in and all stay up here on the podium, we wouldn't have

wish for absolute clarity. School officials only recently discovered the potential conflict. They have always believed that 79-548.01 was a specific grant of authority. There have been many projects that Class VI schools have paid for with Construction Sinking Funds after only the vote of the school board to authorize the expenditure. LB 499 simply clarifies that such actions are absolutely legal and appropriate with only a vote of the school board. In addition, the bill repeals some obsolete language contained in Section 79-1103, the opened section, and that is it. Thank you.

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

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 499.

PRESIDENT: LB 499 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, you have something for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Mr. President, your Committee on Transportation, whose Chair is Senator Lamb, reports LB 47 to General File, LB 75 General File, LB 608 General File, LB 186 indefinitely postponed, and LB 474 indefinitely postponed, all signed by Senator Lamb as Chair.

Banking Committee reports LB 359 to General File, and LB 358 indefinitely postponed, both signed by Senator Landis as Chair. (See page 464 of the Legislative Journal.)

i have notice of hearing from the Natural Resources Committee signed by Senator Schmit, and a motion from Senator Schmit to withdraw LB 697. Mr. President, that will be laid over pursuant to legislative rules. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will move on to LB 357, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 357 was a bill that was introduced by Senators Nelson, Smith, Schellpeper, Coordsen, and Crosby. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of this year, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.