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indefinitely postponed; LB 375, indefinitely postponed; LB 535, indefinitely postponed; LB 570, LB 629, LB 801, all indefinitely postponed, signed by Senator Hall as Chair of Revenue. (See page 742 of the Legislative Journal.)

New A bills, Mr. President. (Read LB 224A, LB 350A, LB 408A, LB 361A and LB 147A by title for the first time. See page 743 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Fine, thank you. We'll move on to LB 416.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 416 was introduced by Senator Robak. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Transportation Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Robak, please.

SENATOR ROBAK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I don't want to make light of this situation, but in my office we refer to this as the K-Mart blue light special. LB 416 permits the use of blue flashing lights in conjunction with red and white flashing lights on emergency vehicles. Current law only now uses...permits the use of red and white lights. However, several Nebraska jurisdictions are already using blue with red and white lights. Studies have shown that at night blue and white lights are more visible than red and white lights. The Columbus police chief surveyed over 30 law enforcement agencies in Nebraska and learned that 20 are currently using blue lights. There is some confusion as to whether or not law enforcement agencies have the authority to use blue lights. For example, a city attorney told a police chief that blue lights were authorized while the county attorney told him that they were not. However, since 20 jurisdictions already use the blue lights, obviously, other positive legal opinions have been rendered in this matter. In 1982 a similar bill was introduced in the Legislature. The reason it was defeated at that time was because there were no studies done then to determine the effectiveness of blue lights. Those studies now have been done and they conclusively show that blue lights are much easier for motorists to see at night. During the day red lights are better, but the addition of blue at night greatly increases the visibility of the emergency vehicle. The other arguments were that if the lights were mandatory, it would be too expensive for

and hundreds of little herds that would have the same effect. This particular operation will lose \$5 million loss of sales over three years. There will be an \$83,000, they figured, decrease in Nebraska income tax paid in 1988 by this particular farm and their employees. They're going to lose \$400,000 in foreign sales. Their vet costs and their PRV tests come to another \$100,000. They're talking about \$1,500,000 in breeding stock that will be lost to other states in the United States. The other testimony, this producer had to repopulate a 1,000 sow herd, and he figured he lost \$130,000 in expenses from August to January, plus \$150,000 of income that would have come in February. And he said I'm sure that I had planned to buy another \$40,000 worth of equipment, which would mean a lot of sales tax. He says I'll not be able to do that. Now, realizing I used there a couple of fairly large operations, but there are dozens and dozens of smaller operations that would have the same testimony. If we could clear this up, why it just plain will mean more income for the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. 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 574.

PRESIDENT: LB 574 is advanced. We'll move on to General File, LB 224A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 224 was moved by the Legislature yesterday. There is now pending an A bill offered by Senator McFarland. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and fellow senators. This is the A bill that goes along with the sports agent bill that we debated yesterday. It calls for a modest appropriation of approximately \$22,000, according to the fiscal office. That's primarily to handle the start up costs for the Secretary of State who would administer the...or to write and administer the rules and regulations that are required. After that the costs of the administration of the act would primarily be handled by the \$250 fee charged to each agent that registered. I'd ask for the advancement of the bill. Thank

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you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. 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 224A.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 132, please. Would you like to put some things in the record, please, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, I would. Thank you. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 775 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 224, Select File. Mr. President, hearing notice from the Government Committee, that's offered by Senator Baack as Chair of the committee. And, Mr. President, Government Committee reports LB 604 to General File with committee amendments attached. That's signed by Senator Baack as Chair of the committee. (See pages 1022-25 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 132 was introduced by Senator Wehrbein. (Read.) The bill was introduced on January 5, was referred to the Natural Resources Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wehrbein, may I introduce some guests, please, before you start. Under the north balcony Senator Scott Moore has some members of his liaison youth group from Centennial High School in Utica and their sponsor. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us this morning. Senator Wehrbein, please. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, thank you. This is a very straightforward bill that simply creates a cash fund in the Department of Water Resources. As you may well understand, they presently provide blueprint copies of maps, computer printouts, copies of data provided by other methods. In other words, photostatic copies of much of the material that they create in that department is now presently funded by General Fund, and then they are reimbursed. This simply would create a cash fund that would be created to funnel the money through, instead of having to annually appropriate money to the General Fund and

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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. I understand that a Reverend Baker was supposed to be here this morning but Reverend Baker didn't show up but the bakery goods did show up. So we're going to have our own Harland Johnson give the invocation. Would you please rise.

HARLAND JOHNSON: {Prayer offered.}

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Harland Johnson, for your invocation this morning. Roll call, please.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 574 and recommend that the same be placed on Select File; LB 224A and LB 132, all on Select File. (See pages 1034-35 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, resolutions passed yesterday are now ready for your signature. And, Mr. President, priority bills have been selected; LB 371, by Senator Haberman and LB 49 by Senator Dierks.

Mr. President, your Committee on Education reports on the confirmation hearing of Mr. Demarest Carlson. That's offered by Senator Withem as Chair of the committee. (See page 1035 of the Legislative Journal.)

That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, I need your attention for a moment, please. (Gavel.) If I could have your attention for a moment. You will notice in the north balcony we have some special guests. You will also notice on your desks you have something to eat and it is because of these ladies that you have this on your desks. We have six