

title for the first time. See pages 138-140 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: May I introduce a distinguished guest. Under the north balcony we have a previous member of this body who is now our State Fire Marshall, Wallace Barnett. Would you please stand and take a bow, Senator Barnett, Fire Marshall Barnett. Thank you for joining us today.

CLERK: Mr. President, one new bill. (Read LB 300 by title for the first time. See page 140 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We're about ready to get ready for the Governor's coming. Senator Hefner, would you please make a motion.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I move that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor to the Legislative Chamber to deliver her State of the State and budget message.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I'll appoint the following people to convene at the rear of the Chamber for the purpose of escorting the Governor to the Chamber--Senator Abboud, Senator McFarland, Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator DiAnna Schimek, and Senator Emil Beyer. Would you five folks please return to the rear of the Chamber for the purpose of escorting the Governor to the Chambers. Thank you. We'll be at ease for a few moments.

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PRESIDENT: Mr. Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, your committee escorting the Governor of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Governor Orr, I'm sure you'll allow me just a little bit of a privilege here. May I introduce three distinguished people over at our right. Husband, Bill Orr; daughter, Suzanne Gauge; and, most importantly, Taylor Gauge. Now, I draw your attention to him because I understand that he's the smartest baby in Nebraska (laughter), and also he had a hair wash this morning and he can't do a thing with it. (Laughter.) Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce to you your Governor, Kay Orr, for her State of the State Address. (Applause.)

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LB 68, 262, 300, 437, 439, 573, 592
595, 614, 745, 754, 798

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would lay the bill over at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is laid over. Thank you. Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, your Committee on Health, whose Chair is Senator Wesely, to whom was referred LB 68 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed, LB 300, indefinitely postponed; LB 439, indefinitely postponed; LB 573, indefinitely postponed; LB 595, indefinitely postponed; LB 614, indefinitely postponed; LB 745, indefinitely postponed; LB 754, indefinitely postponed; LB 798, indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Wesely as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 437, and that is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1219-23 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. To the next senator priority bill, LB 592.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 592 was a bill introduced by Senators Abboud, Beck, and Moore. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, this is a relatively simple bill that was brought in on behalf of the Omaha police force and Douglas County Attorney's Office. The bill provides for a mandatory minimum sentence for individuals convicted of trafficking in cocaine and crack. The bill changes two provisions dealing with the law, LB 592 does, providing for a three-year and also a seven-year mandatory minimum sentence, or excuse me, three and five-year mandatory minimum sentence depending on the amount of cocaine and crack the person is arrested with. I think we are all aware of the serious problems that we have been having in this state dealing with these two particular drugs. It is the hope that, by providing for a mandatory minimum sentence for individuals involved in the selling of these types of drugs, it will send a clear signal to these individuals that these types of...the sale of these types