

hospital or whether he has returned home. So, do what you think you want to on that. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, some new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 463-472 by title for the first time. See pages 242-44 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new A bills. (Read LB 303A, and LB 309A by title for the first time. See pages 244-45 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in conjunction with that, I have a motion from the Speaker. Mr. President, the motion offered by the Speaker relates to LB 309A and 303A. It moves to suspend Rule 5, Section 6(f) to refer those two A bills to the Appropriations Committee.

FRESIDENT: (Gavel.) If I could have your attention a moment, please, we're going to our Speaker for a special motion. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The motion which I have offered is essentially to suspend Rule 5, Section C, subsection (f) which indicates that each appropriations bill is to be placed on General File and considered as introduced by the introducer of the original bill or by the committee which offered the amendments creating the expenditure. The purpose of the motion is to suggest that these two appropriations bills, which are aligned with 303A...or 303 and 309, the salary bill and the health insurance bill, go to the Appropriations Committee as opposed to being referenced directly to General File. The A bills have come over from the Governor's office for the first time, at least in my memory, as A bills, and it seems only practical that the A bills go along with the policy statement in 303 and 309, let the Appropriations Committee handle them, amend or change, if necessary, and come back with the main line bill. That is essentially it, Mr. President. I would move for the adoption of the motion to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Barrett. The question is the suspension of the rules, and at the same time you are voting on sending these two bills to the Appropriations Committee. So it will be one vote, requires 30 votes. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

January 17, 1989

LB 303A, 309A, 356, 438, 473-495
LR 7

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend that particular rule and refer 303A and 309A to Appropriations Committee.

PRESIDENT: The motion is carried, the rules are suspended, and the bills are referred to the Appropriations Committee. What would you like to do now, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Reference Committee will meet in Room 2102 now for referring of bills; Reference Committee in Room 2102 now for referring of bills.

PRESIDENT: The Reference Committee or the Executive Board will adjourn, leave us for a while. We'll stand at ease for a little while until they come back. So, relax.

EASE

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 473-492 by title for the first time. See pages 245-50 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a new resolution, LR 7, by Senator Hall. (Read. See pages 250-52 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Morrissey would like to add his name to LBs 356 and 438. Finally, Mr. President, I have a Reference Report referring LBs 410 through 462. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: If I could direct your attention, please, over under the north balcony we have a special guest. Senator Stephanie Johannis, it looks like you. Would you step out so we can see you. Please welcome former Senator Johannis back to the Legislature. Do you have any words of wisdom for us now that you are out? Senator Lynch, you haven't done much today. Would you like to...just a moment. Don't go to work yet. Just a minute. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, a couple of bills coming in. In addition, I have hearing notices for the Education Committee and one from the Judiciary Committee signed by Senators Withem and Chizek as Chairs.

Mr. President, new bill. (Read LB 493-495 by title for the first time. See pages 254-55 of the Legislative Journal.)

April 21, 1989

LB 301-303, 303A, 305, 308, 309, 309A, 310
469, 508, 509, 605, 627, 669, 722
727, 793

May I introduce some guests please in the north balcony. Senator Hannibal has 75 eighth grade students from St. Roberts School in Omaha with their teachers. Would you ladies and gentlemen please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us this morning. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 793, LB 508, LB 509, LB 605, LB 627, LB 669, and LB 722. We will move on to introduction of appropriation bills, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, before, if I may, read some reports. Your Committee on Appropriations whose Chair is Senator Warner to whom was referred LB 301 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File with amendments, as are LB 302, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 305, LB 308, LB 309, LB 309A, LB 310, LB 469, and LB 727, all reported to General File, all having committee amendments, all signed by Senator Warner as Chair. (See pages 1831-39 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Warner would move for the introduction of Committee Req. 1249.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Req. 1249 would be the mainline budget bill. It would include everything other than...well, obviously, the bills, the constitutional officers are separate, legislative salaries are separate, salaries are separate, health insurance is separate, but this would include the other recommended appropriations for state agencies and state aid programs. I would move the suspension of the rule to permit its introduction.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the introduction of the appropriation bill as described by Senator Warner. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the introduction of Req. 1249.

PRESIDENT: The bill is introduced. Do you have another one, Mr. Clerk?

April 26, 1989

LB 303A, 303

it is drafted here is a straight coverage as provided either by the contracts or by state policy, state statutes, as to what portion of the premium should be covered through an appropriation and then the balance from the employees. As I recall the percentage increase, premiums for the first year was 36 percent and the second year I believe is 18 percent increase. I'd move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the discussion. The question is the advancement of LB 303. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 303.

PRESIDENT: LB 303 is advanced. LB 303A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 303A was introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to Appropriations. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Appropriations Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, this committee amendment only adds the state colleges' health insurance which was not included in the original Governor's bill and in the amount of 785,000 for one year and 223,000 the next year, and this just puts all health insurance coverage for all agencies in the same bill. I'd move adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the explanation. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments on LB 303A. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Excuse me...303A be advanced. I think I said only the state colleges was in and both the university and the state college health insurance in that amendment, but nevertheless, it would put all insurance, health insurance of all agencies in one bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 303A.

PRESIDENT: LB 303A is advanced. We now come to the mainline bill, LB 813. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 813 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Title read.) The bill was introduced, Mr. President, on April 21. It was referred directly to General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I may initially in discussing how it might be most appropriate to discuss the mainline bill, the committee has...would like to make this suggestion. I would ask unanimous consent, because of time limitations, if there is any objection, why, maybe we can work with that. But you have had passed out to you a sheet which shows each agency. It has a reference number to the report that you were given last Friday as to page in which that agency is found. It has the page in which the same agency is found in the mainline bill and it indicates the legislative analyst and then you will see a committee member designated, and the approach that we would like to use, with the body's permission, initially, is that each member will give a brief overview or highlight of those agencies which they will be handling in detail as amendments or other questions come up. But if we could have each member of the Appropriations Committee briefly describe their...the areas which they will be discussing initially before we begin to discuss amendments, it might give

April 27, 1989

LB 303, 303A, 340A, 514, 813
LR 88-91

vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Would you like to put some things into the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly if I may, thank you. Senator Chambers has amendments to be printed to LB 340A. (See page 1968 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 303 to Select File and LB 303A to Select File, signed by Senator Lindsay as Enrollment and Review Chair. (See page 1968 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LR 88 is offered by Senator Schimek. (Read brief explanation.) LR 89 by Senators Hartnett and Schmit. (Read brief explanation.) LR 90 is an interim study resolution by Senators Hartnett and Withem. (Read brief explanation.) LR 91 by Senators Hartnett and Hall. (Read brief explanation. See pages 1969-72 of the Legislative Journal.) Those will all be referred to Reference, Mr. President.

I have a letter from Senator Labedz as Chair of the Board referring a communication the Legislature received regarding a bond issued by the University of Nebraska. That will be referred to the Appropriations Committee for public hearing.

Education Committee reports LB 514 to General File with committee amendments attached. That is signed by Senator Withem. (See page 1968 of the Legislative Journal.)

And the last item, Mr. President, a notice of confirmation hearing by the Government Committee. That is signed by Senator Baack as Chair of the committee.

Mr. President, we're now back to Senator Schmit's amendment as amended, found on page 1914.

PRESIDENT: Okay, may I introduce some guests, please, before we start on that, please. Senator Dennis Byars has 28 fourth graders with two teachers in the north balcony from Southern Elementary in Blue Springs, Nebraska. Would you please stand

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, just an alert, again, to the members of the Legislature. The health cost problem is increasing. It is a great concern to me. It should be a great concern to you. LB 303 calls for \$8,400,000 additional dollars next fiscal year, \$14,500,000 the following year and that doesn't even include the additional \$5 million in dispute now between Blue Cross-Blue Shield and the state which is now under actuarial study. This is serious, this is serious. We're talking here about \$23 million more dollars, maybe \$28 million more dollars over the next two years just in health insurance costs. This is reflected not just in state employee health insurance, but any employer in the state is facing the same sort of increases. I know from personal experience over in Lincoln Telephone where I work in personnel, the sort of increase we're facing and I can assure you that there isn't an employer in the state that isn't facing some sort of increase in health costs and in some cases significant increases just as we are suffering from a significant increase. We fight and argue and scrap over \$50,000, in Senator Schmit's case, and millions of dollars in other people's cases and here we're talking about \$23 million. Nothing much we can do about it, but I think at the same time we need to understand that this is \$23 million visibly present but there are millions more out across the state in other employee and employer insurance coverages that are also increasing. My suggestion is that we've got get a handle on this and the one way to get a handle on it is to get more information, more data and start to make some cost control, cost containment initiatives work here in the State of Nebraska. If we don't get a handle on it, it's going to only get worse and I just want this bill to point out once again how serious a problem we have with health costs.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 303A.

CLERK: Mr. President, on 303A I have Enrollment and Review amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, would you help us on the Enrollment and Review?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

May 10, 1989

LB 303A, 767

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: I'd move that LB 303A be advanced to E & R.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Move on to Select File, LB 767.

CLERK: Mr. President, 767, I have E & R amendments pending, first of all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: I move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to the bill. The first amendment I have is by Senator Conway.

PRESIDENT: Is Senator...has anyone been authorized to handle it for Senator Conway? Senator Conway, please.

CLERK: Senator, your amendment is on 2027 of the Journal.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. President and members, this particular adjustment is meant to be friendly in the sense that I have been supportive of this legislation as we go. One of the things that came out early on was the concept of grandfathering those people that were already participating. And in my particular district one of the communities of the two that needed to be grandfathered, officially, their lottery that was to be grandfathered, I think everyone's intention was to grandfather, was not officially on board and operating until March 1st. And because of the January 1 grandfather date that would preclude inadvertently, I believe, from what the intention of the grandfathering was, would preclude that particular lottery. So my amendment simply takes the grandfather of those that were operating prior to March 1st instead of the January 1st that is in the bill to pick up that community that I believe was

May 15, 1989

LB 303, 303A, 525, 812, 816, 816A
LR 160, 211

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...Chamber and to this Monday morning in the last full week of the First Session of the 91st Legislature. Our opening prayer this morning by our own Harland Johnson.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 816 and recommend that same be placed on Select File, LB 816A and LB 525 all on Select File. Enrollment and Review also reports LB 303 and LB 303A as correctly Engrossed, Mr. President, all of those signed by Senator Lindsay as Enrollment and Review Chairperson. (See pages 2319-22 of the Legislative Journal.)

A communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communication regarding LB 812.)

Mr. President, a report from the Department of Roads regarding the statement of deposits to the Highway Cash Fund.

And, Mr. President, LR 160 is ready for your signature, and that is all that I have. (See page 2323 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 160. Mr. Clerk, to the legislative resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 211 was introduced by Senator Schmit. It is found on page 2249. (Read brief description.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I've introduced

May 18, 1989

LB 303, 303A, 312A, 312

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on page 2513 of the Legislative Journal.) 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 303 passes with the emergency clause attached. May I introduce some guests in the north balcony who are guests of Senator Carson Rogers, we have 25 fifth graders and 10 sixth graders from Burwell Elementary School, also accompanied by three teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. LB 303A with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: (Read LB 303A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 303A pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on page 2514 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 303A passes with the emergency clause attached. LB 312 with the emergency clause attached.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 312 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 312 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I am reminded we are supposed to be in our seats during Final Reading please. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on page 2515 of the Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 312 passes with the emergency clause attached. May I introduce some guests please of Senator Wehrbein. In the north balcony, we have 12 fifth grade students from Weeping Water. Will you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Mr. Clerk, LB 312A with the

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LB 84, 95, 247, 247A, 250, 250A, 261
261A, 272A, 277, 277A, 290, 283, 303
303A, 312A, 312, 356

emergency clause attached.

CLERK: (Read LB 312A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 312A pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on page 2516 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 312A passes with the emergency clause attached. May I introduce some guests in the north balcony, Senator Schmit has 30 third and fourth grade students from Dwight and their teachers. They are from the East Butler Elementary School. Will you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have an Attorney General's Opinion. (Re: LB 356, found on pages 2516-2520 of the Legislative Journal.)

I also have an explanation of vote, Mr. President, by Senator Warner. (Re: LB 84, found on page 2520 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign, LB 95, LB 247, LB 247A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 261, LB 261A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 280, LB 283, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 312 and LB 312A. Are you ready to go on?

CLERK: Yes, I am, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We will go on to the General File, LB 272A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 272A is a bill introduced by Senator Landis, it's a bill for an act to appropriate funds to implement the provisions of LB 272.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 272 is the Mortgage

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LB 95, 247, 247A, 250, 250A, 261, 261A
272A, 277, 277A, 280, 283, 303, 303A
312, 312A
LR 216, 219

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I move we recess for lunch until one-thirty.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 272A to Select File. Bills read on Final Reading have been presented to the Governor, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (Re: LB 95, LB 247, LB 247A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 261, LB 261A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 280, LB 283, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 312 and LB 312A. See page 2522 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the motion to recess until one-thirty. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, we are recessed.

RECESS

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 216. I would like to introduce some guests in the north balcony if I might. We have Carl and Iona Taylor of Lincoln, and Mrs. Taylor is a cousin of my wife. Would you folks please stand so we can welcome you. Treat them kindly and don't tell us about them and don't tell them about us. Thank you for visiting us today, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Clerk, before lunch, we were where?

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, we were, well, let me...may I read one item for the record, Mr. President, before I...

PRESIDENT: Yes, please.

CLERK: Senator, I have a new resolution, Mr. President, LR 219 offered by Senator Abboud. (Read brief explanation. See pages 2523-24 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over.

May 24, 1989 LB 95, 132, 134, 158, 158A, 175, 175A, 182, 182A
183, 183A, 198, 228A, 228, 261, 261A, 280, 283
285, 285A, 302, 303, 303A, 305, 309, 309A, 310
312, 312A, 335, 335A, 340, 340A, 469, 525, 566
588, 651, 651A, 695, 706, 727, 781, 816, 816A

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us on our closing day as our Chaplain, Reverend Harland Johnson. Would you please rise for the invocation.

REVEREND HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

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

PRESIDENT: Do we have any corrections this morning?

CLERK: Mr. President, one small correction. (Read correction found on page 2719 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Okay, do you have any messages, reports, or announcements today?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a series of communications from the Governor. First of all, Mr. President, the last few bills read on Final Reading yesterday afternoon have been presented to the Governor as of 2:48 p.m., yesterday. (Re: LB 525, LB 566, LB 588, LB 651, LB 651A, LB 695, LB 706, LB 781. See page 2720 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a series of communications from the Governor. (Read. Re: LB 228A.) A second communication to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LB 134, LB 158, LB 158A, LB 175, LB 175A, LB 182, LB 182A, LB 198.) A third communication. (Read. Re: LB 95, LB 261, LB 261A, LB 280, LB 283, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 312, LB 312A.) A fourth communication, Mr. President, to Mr. President, and Senators. (Read. Re: LB 183, LB 183A.) A fourth, Mr. President, to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LB 132, LB 285, LB 285A, LB 302, LB 305, LB 309, LB 309A, LB 310, LB 335, LB 335A, LB 340, LB 340A, LB 469, LB 727, LB 816, LB 816A.) The last letter I have received, Mr. President, with respect to signing of bills. (Read. Re: LB 228. See pages 2720-22 of the Legislative Journal.)