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able to assist other agencies, other investigating committees, other individuals who are involved. I have pledged my cooperation to some of them with whom I have visited. I know that Senator Chambers feels the same way. I know that other members of the committee feel the same way. I hope that we are all pursuing the same goals, same objectives and that we can work together. I want to say again that this committee will act with propriety, honesty and integrity. We intend to obtain the best counsel we possibly can and we intend to protect the rights of the innocent and to pursue those who might have been less than innocent. Mr. President and members, I ask for a positive vote on the resolution.

PRESIDENT: That was the closing. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 5.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. You have some new bills, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. New bills. Mr. President, Senator Labedz would like to have a meeting of the Reference Committee now in the Senate Lounge. Referencing Committee in the Senate Lounge, Mr. President, right now. Senate Lounge for Referencing Committee. New bills. (Read by title for the first time LBs 341-355 as found on pages 183-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We will be at ease for a few minutes for referencing and receiving a few more bills.

EASE

PRESIDENT: (Microphone not activated) and capable of transacting business. I propose to sign and do sign LR 3. Would you like to continue, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. New bills. (Read by title for the first time LBs 356-372 as found on pages 187-91 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a new resolution offered by Senator Hall.

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LB 48, 92A, 116, 157, 250, 289, 325
340, 342, 344, 360, 520, 603, 732

Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 116.

PRESIDENT: The bill advances. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 342 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with E & R amendments and LB 344 Select File with E & R amendments. Those are signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. (See pages 593-95 of the Legislative Journal.)

Education Committee reports LB 250 to General File with amendments. That is signed by Senator Withem. (See page 595 of the Legislative Journal.)

Health and Human Services reports LB 157 to General File, LB 360 General File, LB 520 General File. Those are signed by Senator Wesely as Chair. (See page 595 of the Legislative Journal.)

Government Committee reports LB 340 to General File with amendments attached. That is signed by Senator Baack as Chair. (See pages 595-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

New A bill, LB 92A by Senator Landis. (Read by title for the first time. See page 597 of the Legislative Journal.)

And, Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would like to add his name to LB 603 and to LB 289; Mr. President, Senator Smith to LB 325 and Senator Byars to LB 732. (See page 597 of the Legislative Journal.)

In addition to those items, Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to be printed to LB 48 from Senator Moore. (See pages 597-600 of the Legislative Journal.) And that is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beck, would you like to say something to us?

SENATOR BECK: Yes, Mr. President, I would. I move that we adjourn until next Monday morning at nine o'clock and that is February 6.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You've heard the motion. All in favor

157.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 157 is advanced. LB 360.

CLERK: Mr. President, 360 by Senators Wesely and Smith. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, just a brief explanation and then Senator Smith will follow in the opening. The bill deals with two subject matters. One deals with burial expenses allowed under Medicaid. Currently, that's \$3,000. This is the amount you retain in assets to cover your burial expenses when you go on Medicaid. The cost of burials have gone up dramatically and the \$3,000 now allowed is woefully inadequate. This bill would increase the 3,000 to \$4,000 this year and then in two years it would go to \$5,000 so that we could allow these individuals who do go on Medicaid adequate resources to have a proper burial. In addition, the bill deals with the subject of personal care allowance in care facilities. Right now we allow \$30.00 to individuals a month to retain in terms of income that they have. The rest of their income then goes toward the expense of their care. This bill would increase from \$30.00 to \$45.00 the amount of personal care allowance that we provide. That's a quick summary of the bill and I will give the rest of my time to Senator Smith.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I will also be very brief. The bill is...and Don has already told you what the provisions of the bill would be and I would just use some examples. I'm in and out of the nursing home in Hastings a lot, and I will just tell you, very personally, I have had a father-in-law there. You've heard me mention about the fact that he was there for a period of time before he passed away, and now my mother-in-law is there. And so I do visit often, and I have a lot of contact with the other folks that reside in that nursing home and a lot of phone calls from them. And one of the biggest concerns that they have is that presently they're only allowed \$30 personal needs allowance for their...all the personal kinds of needs that

they may have, and that includes clothing, shoes, anything that they do with cutting hair, fixing hair, which...and Kleenex, all those special kinds of things that they might have to have. It simply does not reach any longer. Thirty dollars a month does not cover basic needs that they may have. So what we are asking here is an increase from \$30 to \$45 allowance for them. The second part, dealing with the burial expenses, again I can tell you first hand that we did have a set-aside for my father-in-law, the \$3,000 that is allowed today does not cover the cost. And we could give you an itemization of actual costs, for just an average funeral, which were given to us in the hearing. But what it comes to is that we all know about inflation, and \$3,000 does not pay the cost of a funeral today. So we're asking for an allowed increase in that set-aside also. I would be glad to answer any questions, if you have any. But simply it is that and I guess that we see a real need there, and I'm sure that some of you have had experiences the same way as we have with those folks in the nursing homes and in the case of the burial needs. So we would just ask for your support in the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion, Senator Pirsch, followed by Senators Rod Johnson and Schellpeper.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I have a question perhaps of Senator Wesely, if...did you draft the bill, Senator Wesely?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SENATOR PIRSCH: You had mentioned the former sum was \$30, and I don't see that in the statute that has been deleted. Is that in statute, or is that just a rule and regulation?

SENATOR WESELY: That's a rule and reg that the Social Services Department (interrupted).

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, so we are putting it into statute then for the first time, that personal allowance.

SENATOR WESELY: Um-huh, yeah.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I rise to support Senator Wesely's bill. I was approached by some morticians in my district prior to the session beginning. And they showed interest in this issue in particular with the section that deals with Medicaid individuals and raising the fee up to \$5,000. I think Senator Smith covered many of the points I wanted to cover, but they had approached me about sponsoring a bill. But when they heard that Senator Wesely was working on this issue as well, I deferred to him, and I'm pleased to see the bill has made it to the floor and will be discussed here today and hopefully advanced. I think it is a necessary change that needs to be made. I support it wholeheartedly. I think it will be a benefit to all parties involved by making these recommended changes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I would like to ask Senator Smith a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, would you respond.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I think that this bill is a very good idea, and I think it's a very even figure, except for maybe the \$5,000 in '91. Would you have any problem with an amendment to lower that down to maybe 4,000?

SENATOR SMITH: Not four....I think we're asking 4,005, aren't we, initially, in the increase? Four thousand, okay, so you're saying keep it at 4,000, is that....

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, leave it at four.

SENATOR SMITH: I guess that I don't like the idea particularly, Senator Schellpeper, but I also think that if we can give the increase for \$1,000 more that....At this point in time, yes, I would, if that is the condition for passing the bill I would still support it, based on that. But what is going to happen is that over time we're going to be back, within a few years, asking for another increase. And that is my only concern.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I guess one of the problems that I have with it is, if you leave it at 5,000, or the increase to 5,000, eventually you're going to have the figure higher for welfare than you have for other burials. I think maybe it should be at 4,000. I think that's a very even figure and realistic. I would probably put a motion or amendment up for that, if that would be okay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: No, not right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the advancement of the bill? Any closing comment, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: No, I'd just move for advancement. We'll work with Senator Schellpeper on his amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 360 to Enrollment and Review Initial. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of 360,
Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 360 is advanced. Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President. Mr. President, 360A, introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion on the advancement of the A bill? If not, those in favor of the advancement of 360A vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of
LB 360A.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George Norris Legislative Chamber where our opening prayer this morning will be handled by Pastor Mel Luetchens, Director of Interchurch Ministries in Lincoln. Pastor Leachens. (Gavel.)

PASTOR LUETCHENS: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Reverend Luetchens. We look forward to your return. Roll call.

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, announcements, reports?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority bill designation by Senator Beck, choosing LB 775 as her priority bill for this Ninety-First Legislature, First Session. I have amendments to be printed to LB 360 by Senator Schellpeper. (See pages 893-94 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LR 35 is ready for your signature.

And the last item, Mr. President, is a report of the minutes of the Board of Public Roads and Classifications and Standards. That report will be on file in my office. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 35. To the matter of confirmation reports, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit, as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, offers a report regarding the appointment of Mr. Mark Anthony to the Games and Parks Commission. Senator, your report is on page 885 of the Journal.

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

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LB 143, 144, 155, 157, 265, 360, 360A
397, 595, 616, 619, 623, 680
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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. As our Chaplain of the day, today we have Reverend Tom Stebbins of the Christ Community Church in Omaha, which is in Senator Pirsch's District. Would you please rise for the invocation.

REVEREND TOM STEBBINS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Stebbins, for your thoughtful prayer this morning, appreciate it. Roll call, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Oh, no corrections, no, sir. I am sorry. I have no corrections this morning, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Well, very good. Do you have any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 157 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with E & R amendments; LB 360, LB 360A, LB 265, LB 397, LB 619, LB 623, LB 155, all of those on Select File, some have E & R amendments attached. Mr. President, Education Committee, whose Chair is Senator Withem, reports LB 143 to General File, LB 144 indefinitely postponed, LB 680 indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Withem. Mr. President, Natural Resources Committee, whose Chair is Senator Schmit, reports LB 616 to General File with committee amendments attached. (See pages 916-18 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 38 by Senator Lindsay and Senator Hartnett. (Read brief explanation. See pages 918-19 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over.

Mr. President, an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Lynch regarding LB 595. (See pages 919-21 of the Legislative Journal.) An announcement, Mr. President, Senator Hall has selected LB 262 as his priority bill for this

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 441 as amended be advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall LB 441 as amended be advanced? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. The bill is advanced. LB 360.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 360 on Select File, I do have E & R amendments, first of all, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that the E & R amendments to LB 360 be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the E & R amendments be adopted? All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schellpeper would move to amend the bill. The amendment is on Journal page 893.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. First of all, let me say that this amendment is not the amendment that we discussed on General File. Then we were talking about taking the \$5,000 out altogether. This amendment does not do that. In talking to my mortician over the weekend from my local town, he said that what we should probably do is just set the date back of the \$5,000, and that is what we are doing. We are setting the date back from 1991 to 1993, and I don't think there would be any problem with that, but what we are really doing is just leaving the \$5,000 in there, but just putting the implementation date back to 1993.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Senator Schellpeper amendment? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Smith and I are the sponsors of the bill. We did talk to Senator Schellpeper since General File, and though we have talked to

funeral directors that we have been working with on this legislation, they do not support the change. And in reality, it is a compromise. It is not totally eliminating the \$5,000 figure. It does delay one year, only. In our estimation, it is a reasonable effort to compromise, and we are willing to do that with Senator Schellpeper, so we would support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am rising in opposition to the amendment. I have had some conversation with the director of the funeral...Funeral Directors Association and I guess it is his opinion that they would like not to support this amendment, and so for that reason, I would oppose it, plus the fact that I think that we had an adequate hearing and it was accepted at the hearing time, and I just would rise in opposition to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I, along with Senator Wesely, also will support this amendment. As he said, this is a piece of legislation, originally the intent was that it would have been, first of all, to \$4,000, and then the following year to \$5,000. There is some feeling on the part of other people that this is quite an increase in a very short period of time, and we definitely would not want to convey to people just to raise prices just because they know that in another year this is going to be their opportunity to increase those prices. So for this reason, even though it does...I guess as far as I am concerned, whether they like it or not, they are getting an increase, and they may not be getting exactly what they want when they want it, but it certainly is a lot better than we presently now...presently provide for. So for that reason, I am going to support the Schellpeper amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the amendment? Senator Schellpeper, would you care to close?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. Let me say again that my local mortician is the one that brought this to my attention in the first place, and he said that he thought the \$5,000 was really too high, but that he would go

along with the extension of the date out further. And so that is the reason that I put the amendment on. I just think, like Senator Smith, that if you are going to raise it, I have no problem raising it, but let's put it out just a couple more years. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Schellpeper amendment to LB 360. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the Schellpeper amendment. Have you all voted? Senator Schellpeper. I'm sorry, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Mr. Speaker, I guess I would call for...have a call of the house.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Call of the house has been requested. The question is, shall the body go under call? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please record your presence. Members outside the Chamber, please return, the house is under call. Please return to your seats and record your presence. Senator Byars, please, Senator Moore, Senator Hefner, Senator Landis. Senator Warner, please. The house is under call. Senators McFarland, Chambers, Rod Johnson. Senator Schellpeper, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I would take call ins.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Call in votes have been authorized and the question is the adoption of the Schellpeper amendment to LB 360.

CLERK: Senator Abboud voting yes. Senator Langford voting yes. Senator Hall voting yes. Senator Kristensen voting yes. Senator Landis voting yes. Senator Weihing voting yes. Senator Ashford voting yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schellpeper's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Schellpeper amendment is adopted. The

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LB 360, 360A, 397

call is raised. Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 360 as amended be advanced to E & R for Engrossing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the bill as amended be advanced? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it. Motion carried. The bill is advanced. The A bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 360A, I have no amendments to the bill, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I would move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the A bill be advanced? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, the bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 397, I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I would move that LB 397 be advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would like to ask some questions of someone about this bill. It would appear to me...and I'm not a lawyer so I would hope that maybe some of the legally trained people on this floor would answer some questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator Schmit. You're asking a question of someone?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

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LB 48, 61, 92, 92A, 147, 147A, 154
176, 298, 327, 349, 360, 360A, 391
398, 416, 441, 458, 459, 502

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning as our chaplain of the day Reverend Steve Janovec of the People's City Mission in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the convocation.

REVEREND JANOVEC: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Janovec. Roll call, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal this morning?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 147 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 147A, Select File.

Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 154, LB 360, LB 360A and LB 441 as correctly engrossed, both those items signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair of the Enrollment and Review Committee. (See pages 1003-04 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, communications from the Governor. (Read communications regarding signing of LB 391, LB 398, LB 458, LB 459, LB 48, LB 61, LB 176, LB 298, LB 327, LB 349, LB 416, LB 502, LB 92 and LB 92A. See page 1004 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, an appointment letter from the Governor appointing Ms. Kathy Campbell to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board. That will be referred to Reference. (See page 1005 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have a report from the Job Training area for the Department of Labor, Mr. President. That will be on file in my office. (See page 1005 of the Legislative Journal.)

May 22, 1989

LB 323, 354, 354A, 360

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2617-18 of the Legislative Journal.) 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 323 passes. As previously announced, we will jump 335 and 335A. I would like to momentarily run over 336E. We will come back to it momentarily. We have already handled 340 and 340AE. The next bill, Mr. Clerk, LB 354.

CLERK: (Read LB 354 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 354 pass? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2618-19 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 17 nays, 2 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 354 passes. LB 354A.

CLERK: (Read LB 354 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 354A pass? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2619-20 of the Legislative Journal.) 31 ayes, 12 nays, 2 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 354A passes. LB 360.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 360 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 360 become law? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2620 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present

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LB 209, 319, 323, 354, 354A, 360, 360A
378, 378A, 388

and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 360 passes. LB 360A.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 360A on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 360A pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2621 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 360A passes. LB 378, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 378 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 378 pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2622 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 30 ayes, 11 nays, 4 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 378 passes. LB 378A.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 378A on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 378A pass? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2623 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 35 ayes, 5 nays, 5 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 378A passes. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LB 209, LB 319, LB 323, LB 354 and LB 354A, LB 360 and LB 360A. LB 388, please.

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360A, 378, 378A, 388, 408, 408A, 412
412A, 423, 438, 438A, 444, 449, 449A
541, 569, 569A, 574, 575A, 575, 630
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LR 219

While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 219. Mr. Clerk, where did we leave off?

CLERK: Mr. President, before we commence Final once again, I have an explanation of vote from Senator Conway. (Re. LB 209. See page 2648 of the Legislative Journal.)

Acknowledgement from your Enrolling Clerk, that bills read on Final Reading have been presented to the Governor. (Re. LB 209, LB 319, LB 323, LB 354, LB 354A, LB 360, LB 360A, LB 378, LB 378A, LB 388, LB 408, LB 408A, LB 412, LB 412A, LB 423, LB 336, LB 438, LB 438A, LB 444, LB 449, LB 449A, LB 541, LB 569, LB 569A, LB 574, LB 575A, and LB 575.)

Mr. President, the first bill on Final is LB 630, this afternoon.

PRESIDENT: If you'll take your seats, please, we'll begin Final Reading. (Gavel.) If you'll take your seats, please, we'll start Final Reading on LB 630, please. LB 630, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 630 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 630 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on pages 2648-49 in the Legislative Journal.) 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 630 passes. LB 640 with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: (Read LB 640 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 640 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay, and I am reminded again for the second time today that some of you are not remaining in your seats while Final Reading is being read. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.