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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.

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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 107, 174, 192, 259, 274, 281, 370  
486, 487, 488, 575, 738, 741  
LR 27

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: ...Legislative Chamber. We have with us today, as our chaplain of the day, Reverend Gordon Patterson of the Calvery United Methodist Church in Lincoln. Would you please stand for the invocation.

REVEREND PATTERSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Patterson. We appreciate your message this morning. Please come back and visit us again. Roll call, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do we have any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Education, whose Chair is Senator Withem, reports LB 107 to General File; LB 486, General File; LB 487, General File; LB 488, General File; LB 741, General File; LB 259, General File with amendments; LB 575, General File with amendments; LB 174, indefinitely postponed; LB 192, indefinitely postponed; LB 274, indefinitely postponed; LB 370, indefinitely postponed; and LB 738, indefinitely postponed. All of those signed by Senator Withem as Chair. (See pages 1111-16 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Lamb regarding LB 281. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1116-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We'll move on to the legislative resolutions, LR 27, by Senator Warner.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 27 was originally introduced by Senators Warner, Scofield and Hartnett. It asks the Legislature to strongly support the removal of Federal Transportation Trust Funds from the federal budget and urges the Nebraska congressional delegation to work towards such removal. The

consider an amendment that would continue the terrible inequity that we've all been concerned about for years. In the Omaha area we pay on an average of about \$1.80 a hundred to support our grade school and high school system, which are affiliated, I guess, because they're in the same system.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: I think we have to know the difference before we seriously consider this amendment, and would suggest that those numbers be put together. I would like to suggest we allow the amendment or the bill, as suggested by Senator Withem, to pursue, or the amendment, or whatever we're talking about, and that those people who are concerned with Senator Lamb's amendment, put some numbers together so we honestly know what we're talking about, the difference between rip-off and the difference between honest integrity as it applies to equal and fair support for both the grade school and the high school system.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senators Hefner and Beck.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I honestly don't know how I'm going to vote on this amendment yet. Last year I introduced LB 370 which would have, within a county, have everyone within the county paying a single high school levy, no matter how many high schools there were. And each district within the county then paying their own elementary tax, thinking that that might be fair, that they had control of each within their own jurisdictions. In 1994, if I have phase three properly in my mind, Senator Withem, before you get clear away, if I have LB 295 in proper perspective the phase three in 1994, five years hence, would include at that time a general elementary through twelve levy on the entire affiliated district. If this is to be done, what benefits would then the affiliated Class I's receive from the K-12 district they're affiliated with?

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you very much for the question, Senator Elmer, because it's a key point of the committee amendments I forgot to mention during my initial introduction. When we took this....If you don't mind, can I go into a little bit of detail here?