

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.

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? If not, those in favor of the advancement of the bill vote aye, opposed nay. On the advancement of the A bill. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the motion to advance LB 449A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. Messages on the President's desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Banking, whose Chair is Senator Landis, reports LB 466 to General File with amendments, that is signed by Senator Landis. Urban Affairs Committee, whose Chair is Senator Hartnett, reports LB 756 to General File, LB 244 to General File with amendments, LB 216 indefinitely postponed, and LB 225 indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Hartnett as Chair. (See pages 1031-32 of the Legislative Journal.)

A new A bill, Mr. President, LB 290A by Senator Smith. (Read for the first time by title. See page 1032 of the Legislative Journal.)

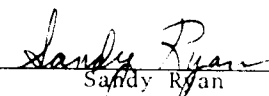
I have an announcement, Mr. President, that the Natural Resources Committee will have an Executive Session in Room 1517 at one thirty today; Natural Resources at one-thirty in Room 1517 today. And a meeting notice, Mr. President, of the joint meeting of the Appropriations and Education Committees for Monday, March 20 to review the report of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. That is all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Weihing, would you do the honors, please.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn until nine o'clock, Thursday, March 9.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it. Motion carried. We are adjourned.

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SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. LB 279 is a trailer bill, designed to allow us to respond to issues to the very, very major rewrite of insurance law, LB 92, that we previously passed. The issue that Senator Haberman is adjusting...is adjusting in this amendment is one that arose in LB 92. In LB 92 our current law was changed from six down to three. His amendment now raises that from three back to six. And 279, in its capacity as a trailer bill to carry follow-up issues to LB 92, is, in my estimation, quite germane. Frankly, we have suspended the rules on all the rest of the amendments because they were not germane. This is the only germane amendment that has been offered to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Does that satisfy you, Senator Hartnett? Okay. Were you through speaking, Senator Hartnett? You withdrew your request for a ruling on it. Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I guess I rise in opposition to Senator Haberman's amendment, because I introduced a bill into the Banking and Insurance Department...Committee this year, LB 466, which was advanced out of the committee with six yes votes and present and not voting, two people. And it simply deals with attorneys. I think one of the things that we have discovered, and I did it for some attorneys in my area that are abstractors and so forth, is the lack of courses and the lack of quality of the courses. So I think that is why we're raising it up again to six hours again. I think...I listened to Senator Haberman, he says they're going to have more of the seminars and so forth and maybe we should do that first and then see if they need to be raised to six hours. So I guess I would oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony. Senator Hall has 30 eighth graders from Mars Junior High in Omaha with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Well, Mr. President, colleagues, I would challenge the germaneness. I serve on the Banking Committee as well, and I'm well aware of what LB 92 did. But this,

limited nature of offerings.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: That issue is contained in LB 476, I believe, Paul, LB 466?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Four sixty-six, yeah.

SENATOR LANDIS: That bill has been advanced by the Banking Committee. It is now on General File. With respect to land title agents, there the focus has not been on the limitation of subject matter. It has been on the availability of courses on a geographical basis and on a time basis. So it is important to separate the abstractor's question, for which we have adequate remedy on General File, from this issue which arose from the insurance aspect task force.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you. And I thank you, Senator Landis, for explaining that to me in terms of where we ought to head. I guess I still think that there is a strong message that we want to send back. I strongly support continuing education, be it for lawyers, plumbers, doctors, or whoever. I think that those are very good. I am a little concerned here that maybe we aren't putting the cart before the horse. Maybe if we would get the seminars in place and then come in and increase it, that would kind of hold the association's feet to the fire to make sure that they provided those things ahead of time, and then let's increase it. I think Senator Haberman would be correct then in talking about the numbers of course offerings, and those sorts of things, so, at this point in time, anyway, I think both sides probably have some good points. I would like to see them put the seminars in place first and then let's up the requirements if we think that is necessary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will wait and close.

PRESIDENT: All right. Thank you. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the amendment, as well. This is, basically, in essence, a turf battle between two competing associations. In essence, what you had is a number of complaints from attorneys to the Bar

Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I wanted, Mr. President and members of the body, I simply want to clear up some misinformation, I guess, or something, and I want to get it on record, I talked with Senator Landis, is that my bill that I had in LB 466 that was voted out of committee simply dealt with both title insurance and with abstractors, because normally...and it was with attorneys and they normally practice or have both, wear both hats. They are title insurance people and they are also abstractors, and so I guess what I heard is I guess from my people is that I think they have no problem with continuing education. It is simply the quality and how much is offered, is that sometimes they have the seminars and meetings simply to get people to go and they count them as seminars, and I guess I have problems with there, I think if we are going to require continuing education of anybody, it should have some, you know, it should have some value, and I guess that is where I am coming from, and I think that is what the people that have talked to me, and the attorneys that have talked to me is if it had, whether it was six hours or three hours, if there was some flexibility, and if the courses were of better quality, I guess, in their eyes, and I think they see themselves, I guess, maybe attorneys, we have some on the floor here, see themselves better than the rest of us because of their, you know, extensive sense of training. So for that reason, I simply want to kind of oppose this amendment at this particular time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, would you like to close on your motion, please? You are closing.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to call to the attention of the body that this really isn't an increase of three hours because the present law calls for six hours instead of three. Now to answer the objection as to the quality of the seminars from some of the attorneys, that objection really, folks, will go away because the Bar Association is holding their own, and if a Bar Association is holding a seminar and they are in control of the subject matter, it surely isn't anybody's fault, except maybe theirs, as to the quality of the subject matter. Also it was brought up, Senator Kristensen says he supports continuing education. I do, too, and that is what this is all about. So we know that quality is

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very good piece of legislation, and I think Nebraska law will probably be the model for many other states as they go to enact their legislation. So, with that, I offer the committee amendments and strong support for LB 1153.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. We're going to try the lights, so all of those in favor vote aye, opposed nay, and we'll see if they work. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Do you have anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hartnett would move to amend. (Hartnett amendment can be found on page 1625 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment I bring is basically LB 466, which was heard last year and amended by the Banking Committee. And, simply, what it does it reduces...amends Section 76-544 to reduce the continuing education requirements of abstractors from six hours to three hours. Every two years a course is approved by the abstractors board of examiners. And basically, what it does, it was...advanced out of the Banking Committee. And, with that, I'd ask for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, on that amendment. No. All right, the question is the adoption of the Hartnett amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hartnett's amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Hartnett amendment is adopted. Anything further on it?

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