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?

CLERY: 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.

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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 Mcrrissey 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 Johanns, it looks like you. Would you step out so we can see you. Please welcome former Senator Johanns 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.)

wish for absolute clarity. School officials only recently discovered the potential conflict. They have always believed that 79-548.01 was a specific grant of authority. There have been many projects that Class VI schools have paid for with Construction Sinking Funds after only the vote of the school board to authorize the expenditure. LB 499 simply clarifies that such actions are absolutely legal and appropriate with only a vote of the school board. In addition, the bill repeals some obsolete language contained in Section 79-1103, the opened section, and that is it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 499.

PRESIDENT: LB 499 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, you have something for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Mr. President, your Committee on Transportation, whose Chair is Senator Lamb, reports LB 47 to General File, LB 75 General File, LB 608 General File, LB 186 indefinitely postponed, and LB 474 indefinitely postponed, all signed by Senator Lamb as Chair.

Banking Committee reports LB 359 to General File, and LB 358 indefinitely postponed, both signed by Senator Landis as Chair. (See page 464 of the Legislative Journal.)

i have notice of hearing from the Natural Resources Committee signed by Senator Schmit, and a motion from Senator Schmit to withdraw LB 697. Mr. President, that will be laid over pursuant to legislative rules. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will move on to LB 357, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 357 was a bill that was introduced by Senators Nelson, Smith, Schellpeper, Coordsen, and Crosby. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of this year, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.