while you bring in your bills. If you have some, please bring them up. Do you have an announcement for us?

CLERK: Mr. President, Reference Committee will meet in five minutes in Room 2102; Reference Committee in Room 2102 in five minutes.

PRESIDENT: Reference Committee, please heed the announcement just made.

EASE

PRESIDENT: If you don't have anything to do, there is some dry edible beans up in front here, if you would like to help yourself you may. John Weihing knows all about them, so you can ask him if you want to know how to cook them of anything. (Gavel.) Senator Weihing.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this year Nebraska is number one in the production of dry edible beans. I thought that you should realize that we have a very high standing with the production in the nation.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, you have something to do.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Agriculture, whose Chair is Senator Rod Johnson, to whom was referred LB 35, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File; LB 36 and LB 38 to General File, all signed by Senator Johnson as Chair.

Mr. President, new bills. (LBs 496-536. Read for the first time by title. See pages 258-66 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have the hearing notice from the Health and Human Service Committee. Mr. President, a Reference Report referring LBs 463 through 495.

Mr. President, Transportation Committee, whose Chair is Senator Lamb, to whom was referred LB 79, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File with committee amendments attached, and LB 158 to General File, both of those signed by Senator Lamb (See pages 268 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1262-63 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may read some items for the record.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

CLERK: Judiciary Committee reports LB 627 to General File, LB 594 to General File with amendments, LB 396 indefinitely postponed, LB 512, LB 526, LB 547, LB 712 all indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Chizek as Chair. (See page 1263 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Dierks has amendments to be printed to LB 49, Mr. President. (See pages 1263-64 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend LB 371. (Hall amendment appears on page 1264 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The third amendment here I would like to ask the body to refer to page 3 of the bill, Section 4, line 7 through 11. I'll just read it to you. It's very short. Agreement shall mean any agreement between a wholesaler and a supplier, whether oral or written, by which a wholesaler is granted the right to purchase and sell a brand or brand of beers sold by a supplier. What my amendment would do is rewrite that five lines so that an agreement shall mean any written agreement between a wholesaler and a supplier by which a wholesaler is granted the right to purchase and sell a brand or brand of beers. All it does is strike the language that refers to an oral agreement. I don't understand why it is there. I don't think it should be there. I think at least the agreement should be required to be in writing not only for the manufacturer's benefit, but for the retailer's benefit and I think that an explanation as to why we allow for an oral agreement, we just allowed for a separate group of arbitration