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LB 53, 57, 123, 537-597
LR 8-12

Mr. President, new bill. (LBs 537-538. Read for the first time by title. See page 268 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Jacklyn Smith of Hastings has visiting the Legislature today Dr. Robert Schlock and 20 students from Hastings College, specifically, psychology and law class, in the east balcony, the rear balcony. Dr. Schlock, would you and your students please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. We are pleased to have you visiting with us today. Also under the north balcony from David City High School, Senator Schmit announces the following guests, 8 students from David City High School with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting. We are glad to have you. Mr. Clerk, more bill introductions, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, your Committee on Urban Affairs, whose Chair is Senator Hartnett, to whom was referred LB 53, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File; LB 57 General File; LB 123 General File, all signed by Senator Hartnett as Chair of the committee.

Mr. President, new bills. (LBs 539-557 read for the first time by title. See pages 269-72 the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HEFNER PRESIDING

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Clerk, do you have some more bills to introduce?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, I do, Mr. President. (LBs 558-593 read for the first time by title. See pages 273-81 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HEFNER: Do you want to read the bills into the record?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. (LBs 594-597 read for the first time by title. See page 281 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have new resolutions. (Read a brief explanation of LRs 8-12. See

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LB 68, 262, 300, 437, 439, 573, 592
595, 614, 745, 754, 798

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would lay the bill over at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is laid over. Thank you. Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, your Committee on Health, whose Chair is Senator Wesely, to whom was referred LB 68 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed, LB 300, indefinitely postponed; LB 439, indefinitely postponed; LB 573, indefinitely postponed; LB 595, indefinitely postponed; LB 614, indefinitely postponed; LB 745, indefinitely postponed; LB 754, indefinitely postponed; LB 798, indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Wesely as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 437, and that is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1219-23 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. To the next senator priority bill, LB 592.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 592 was a bill introduced by Senators Abboud, Beck, and Moore. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, this is a relatively simple bill that was brought in on behalf of the Omaha police force and Douglas County Attorney's Office. The bill provides for a mandatory minimum sentence for individuals convicted of trafficking in cocaine and crack. The bill changes two provisions dealing with the law, LB 592 does, providing for a three-year and also a seven-year mandatory minimum sentence, or excuse me, three and five-year mandatory minimum sentence depending on the amount of cocaine and crack the person is arrested with. I think we are all aware of the serious problems that we have been having in this state dealing with these two particular drugs. It is the hope that, by providing for a mandatory minimum sentence for individuals involved in the selling of these types of drugs, it will send a clear signal to these individuals that these types of...the sale of these types