

biodegradable diapers at the present time and that's the Rocky Mountain Medical Corporation in Colorado. And they go on to say, and you can read it if you would care to, but babies will spend approximately 20,000 hours in diapers and then it goes on to say that a typical baby wears up to 9,000 diapers before he or she is toilet trained. There were more than 3.7 million births last year in the United States and nearly 85 percent of all diapers...diaper changes involved disposable diapers. This means that last year alone more than 20 billion diapers, 20 billion diapers which will not break down for hundreds of years in our landfills, they were dumped into the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency puts disposable diaper waste at some 5 million tons annually. Some cities estimate that disposable diapers alone account for more than 10 percent of landfill use. And the 5 million ton is by weight, so I ask you, what about the volume? That volume is going to be terrific. Also, in another part of your handout, and this was put out by Newsweek in the March 6 issue, 1989, the two biggest producers and manufacturers of diapers are Procter and Gamble, with their Pampers brand, and Kimberly-Clark, with their Huggies. And it goes on to say both of these companies are reportedly perfecting biodegradable models. It is hard to imagine that they could make diapers significantly better than they are today unless they come out in a biodegradable form. We do have some degradable plastic products over on the table just to the right of me under the north balcony, if you would care to look at a disposable diaper or some of the other degradable products, like the gallon milk bottle and some others. And so I believe at this time I would stop and if you have any questions, why I would be real happy to try and answer them for you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, thank you for the interruption. New A bill, LB 586A by Senator Kristensen. (Read by title for the first time as found on page 1666 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have Rules hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 20.

LB 392 and LB 482 have been reported correctly engrossed. Those are offered by Enrollment and Review, Chaired by Senator Lindsay. (See page 1667 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Labeledz has amendments to LB 769, Senator Smith to

in this session. It is obvious that there is a lot of work out there that will not be handled. The agenda today does not even include 16 budget bills which are not included, budget bills which will be scheduled starting Wednesday morning. We will be on budget bills mornings only until they are completed. We continue to act, I think, like there is no adjournment day and the days and even the hours continue to slip away. Now perhaps that is exactly what this body wants. If that be the case, so be it, but in addition to the bills that you see listed on the agenda today, there are in addition to the 16 budget bills not listed, there are three General File priority bills which perhaps can be heard again. There are two Select File priority bills that perhaps can be heard again and it occurs to me that we should be more cognizant of the amending, some of the motions that are made. I call your attention again to the tardiness and the absenteeism and it occurs to me that our work ethic ought to change somewhat in the remaining 18 days. And based on the conversations just made on this floor, it occurred to me that this should be said. Again, it's entirely up to you but we are in squeeze-crunch time and there are a lot of people that are going to be mighty unhappy when we come to the last three or four days. With that, I would like to suggest to you that we'll be starting to push just a little bit longer, starting today. Next week you may see another 30 minutes tacked onto the day if possible. Once that adjournment motion is made it is out of my hands. The other thing that I would call to your attention is the fact that typically the eighty-eighth day in our long session has been the long day, the midnight day. This session that falls on a Monday. I'm proposing that the eighty-seventh day, which is May 18th, be scheduled as our midnight day, therefore the eighty-eighth day, Monday, and the eighty-ninth day, Tuesday, could be utilized for Final Reading, leaving us with one full legislative day for possible veto overrides. Any questions? Any comments? Thank you. Mr. Clerk, to the A bill on General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 586A by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is 586A. This is the appropriations bill for the intermediate court of appeals, the appellate division of the district court which we worked on this morning very briefly and this has been

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cut down from the fiscal note that was in your bill books since we added an amendment that would sunset this provision a year earlier than we had anticipated in the original fiscal note and it asks for \$264,603 for the first year and \$118,000 for the second half of the next year, and I would ask for its adoption and movement on to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of 586A vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 586A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. Apparently I did make an error on calling the eighty-eighth day the 19th, May 19. Friday is the date that I was referring to. I'm sorry. Friday, the 19th, will be our late day, our late night. Mr. Clerk, the next A bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 591A offered by Senator Schmit. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Goodrich, will you handle it, please?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, Mr. President, I'd move the A bill, 591A be advanced. You all know this was the interstate simulcasting and we must, since 591 is virtually on Final Reading, we must start the A bill through. I move the advancement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, for discussion purposes.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, the A bill amounts to about \$29,000. Now this is actually from the Cash Fund because the fees and stuff will generate its own revenue, so you really don't need an A bill but yet you have to have one. So it amounts to about \$29,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, those in favor of the advancement of the bill vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 591A.

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pleased me this morning since you're allowing me to talk is that one of my close personal friends who is a minister at St. Paul Methodist was our chaplain of the day, Naomi Hall. And it was just wonderful. I don't know if Harland realized that it was wonderful to have her here on my birthday. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Yes, and...

SENATOR CROSBY: And we are going to distribute some goodies after awhile whenever the Pages get organized. So you can enjoy my birthday with me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Fine. Happy birthday to you from all of us and we're happy that you made it and we're also happy that you're seeing to it that we don't lose weight.

SENATOR CROSBY: I'm happy I made it too.

PRESIDENT: Thank you again. Shall we go on to the confirmation report, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb, as Chair of the Transportation Committee, would offer confirmation report that's found on page 1863 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I would recommend that this motion be adopted. There were no negative votes in the committee on these people who were appointed to this board.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the report. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT: The report is adopted. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 82, and LR 83. Move on to General File, LB 586A.

CLERK: Mr. President, we moved 586A.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the Clerk tells me we handled all of them

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plans that had been presented here today is that prudence had to be the underlying concern of all of us. If there was a condition present which would harm or endanger life or limb, then we should take care of it. And, to that extent, the college and the committee and the administration of the university authorized the immediate shoring of that building to prevent the possibility of harm or injury to the occupants. I would, therefore, I think very much oppose the amendment which has been offered here this morning and call your attention again to the possibility of prudence and quality of design by a bridge which collapsed in Tennessee about three weeks ago, a concrete structure. And I'm sure that if we had had consultants look at that bridge and the design of that bridge and the components that went into it, at eight-thirty that night, there would have been just as conflicting opinions as we have here today on the floor. However, at something like eight-forty that evening the bridge did collapse with the loss of at least seven lives in that instance. So prudence, as I indicated to you, was the keynote of our decision in making the...taking the action that we did. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move that we recess until one-thirty.

SPEAKER BARRETT: For the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 89 by Senator McFarland. (See pages 1901-03 of the Legislative Journal.)

Enrollment and Review reports LB 289 to Select File; LB 586A, LB 591A, LB 767A, LB 611A, all to Select File. (See pages 1903-04 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a reminder offered by Senator Withem that there will be the showing of Learning in America today at noon in Room 1117.

Mr. President, that's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. (Gavel.) One other quick announcement. The Nebraska Futures, Inc. briefing which was

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LB 586A, 591A, 683

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. With us this morning as our Chaplain of the day is Pastor Curtis Benson of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hooper, Nebraska. Would you please rise for the invocation.

REVEREND BENSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Pastor Benson. We appreciate your being here this morning. Roll call, please. The Clerk would like to have a word with you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Do you have any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: Just one item. Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 683, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (See pages 1931-32 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: May I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony. Senator Coordsen has some guests from Friend, Nebraska. We have 13 ninth graders from Friend Public School and their teacher. Would you students and teacher please stand up so we may recognize you. Thank you for visiting us today. Move on to Select File, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have three bills scheduled for Select File discussion this morning to catch up with the main bill. The first is LB 586A. Senator, I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Barrett.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. President and members, I would move that LB 586A be advanced.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 591A.

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LB 325, 586A, 588, 611A, 683, 683A, 811  
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LB 325, LB 586A, LB 611A, LB 683, LB 683A, LB 811, LB 812 all reported correctly engrossed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1978-79 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Pleased to announce that Senator Dennis Byars has some guests in the north balcony from Diller High School. Would you people please stand and be recognized? Thank you for being with us this afternoon. Also some special guests under the north balcony, from the North Platte area, and guests of Senator Bernard-Stevens, we have some champions and runners up from an auto mechanics class and their teachers, from North Platte High School. They've just won the Plymouth AAA Troubleshooting Contest. Would you four students and your two teachers please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we're very pleased to have you with us and congratulations to all of you. Let the record also indicate that Senator Moore had 27 third and fourth graders from Staplehurst and Ulysses in the north balcony. They have just left the Chamber. Mr. Clerk, to the first bill on General File. LB 588.

CLERK: Mr. President, 588 was a bill introduced by Senator Chambers. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Government Committee. The bill was discussed, Mr. President, on March 29. It was discussed again on April 10. At that time the committee amendments were defeated. There was then a motion offered by Senator Conway to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Chambers agreed to lay the bill over, Mr. President. That motion is currently pending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Is Senator Chambers in the building?

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry.

SENATOR CONWAY: Is Senator Chambers in the building?

SPEAKER BARRETT: We are not certain.

SENATOR CONWAY: Does he have someone designated to represent him on this bill, or will we just pass it over?

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature,

aren't going to to that. That only happens in the Legislature when you lose your chairmanship and you lose two employees, then we boot them out. It doesn't happen in the courts or in the court system. They keep these employees. So I wanted to bring to your attention that this is an 18-months program. It's supposed to be a temporary program. I am not against the program but if we're going to put one into place, let's hear the whole program, what it's going to be, how they're going to handle it and have the total cost. So, Mr. President, thank you very much for your time. I withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion is withdrawn. Would you read the bill, please, Mr. Clerk. Please return to your desks, ladies and gentlemen, so we can continue with Final Reading. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 586 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 586 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2641-42 of the Legislative Journal.) 37 ayes, 6 nays, 4 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 586 passes. LB 586A, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 586A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 586A pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2642 of the Legislative Journal.) 37 ayes, 7 nays, 3 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 586A passes. LB 603, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 603 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 603 pass? All



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LB 586, 586A, 603A, 603, 611A, 611

LB 611A, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 611A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2646-47 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 10 nays, 3 present not voting, 1 excused not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 611A passes. Senator Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would like to suggest that there are another dozen or so bills that are available to be read on Final. I'd like to add them to the list today and if you'd like to make a note of them we'll tack them on to the end of the current agenda on Final Reading. They start with LB 137 and LB 137A, LB 211, and LB 215, LB 228, and LB 352, LB 639, and LB 761, and LB 762, LB 762A, LB 815 and LB 815A, and LB 817 and LB 817A. Those we can read this afternoon with a suspension, and I would like to so suggest. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Did you want to suggest something about recessing?

SPEAKER BARRETT: I would move we recess until one-thirty.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. We are recessed till one-thirty. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign, LB 611, LB 611A, LB 603A, LB 586, LB 586A, LB 603. Let the record show please that Senator Coordsen had some guests in the north balcony. There were seven 9th grade students from Milligan High School in Milligan, Nebraska and the teacher.

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LB 84, 84A, 586, 586A, 603, 603A, 611  
611A, 739A, 744

CLERK: (Read LB 739A on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 739A pass? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 2658-59 of the Legislative Journal.) 40 ayes, 7 nays, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 739A passes. LB 744.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communication regarding LB 84 and LB 84A. See page 2659 of the Legislative Journal.)

Confirmation report from the General Affairs Committee. Your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor bills read on Final Reading this afternoon, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (Re. LB 586, LB 586A, LB 603, LB 603A, LB 611, LB 611A.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceed then to the reading of LB 744.

CLERK: (Read LB 744 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 744 become law? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Let's do a roll call vote, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Roll call has been requested. Members, please check in. Senators Rod Johnson and Byars, please record your presence. Senator Lynch, please. Senator Warner, please record your presence. Senator Smith. Senator Byars. Senator Dennis Byars, please, record your presence. Proceed with the roll call. The question again is the...whether