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LB 53, 57, 662-682

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the advancement of the bill? Anything further, Senator Weihsing, there are no lights on?

SENATOR WEIHSING: Nothing further, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is then the advancement of LB 53 to E & R. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 53.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 53 is advanced. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 662-682 by title for the first time. See pages 313-17 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair also reminds members of the body of the Lied Center tour today. Transportation is available at the south door of the Capitol, south door, Lied Center tour. Returning to General File, Mr. Clerk, LB 57.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 57 was a bill introduced by Senator Coordsen. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, this bill last year existed in the form of a friendly amendment to a bill that later came up on consent calendar, and I subsequently withdrew the bill and introduced it this year as a...or withdrew the amendment and introduced it as a separate bill. What this bill does in the use of wheel tax funds in a city, if we remove from statute the words "or for related equipment purchases as a use of the wheel tax funds", words that were put into by the...put in statute by the bill last year. To the best of my knowledge there are four cities in the State of Nebraska that currently levy a wheel tax, none of which use those funds for purchasing of equipment up to this time. It was

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LB 147, 407, 419, 453, 679

Congratulations. Did you have some items for the record, please?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Committee on Business and Labor gives notice of public hearing on LBs 810 and 811.

The Business and Labor Committee reports LB 407 to General File with amendments, LB 419 indefinitely postponed, LB 453 indefinitely postponed, LB 679 indefinitely postponed. (See pages 986-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it's a pleasure to introduce today the doctor of the day, another fine young fellow from Grand Island. Remember last week we had Tim Sullivan. We bring them up the best. Scott Ehresman is in family practice and he is going through the same program as our Tim did, and it is a pleasure to introduce him as the doctor of the day and have him join us.

PRESIDENT: Would you please stand, Doctor, so we may see you? Thank you for taking care of us today. We'll move on to General File, LB 147.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 147 was introduced by Senator Chizek. (Title read.) The bill was read for the first time on January 5, was referred to the Judiciary Committee. They report the bill back to General File with no committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, are you going to handle this?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, I am.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. This is a bill that was introduced by Senator Chizek. It proposes to increase from 48 to 50 the total number of district court judges in Nebraska. The two additional district court judges will be allocated by the Judicial Resources Commission. There is not much doubt that additional personnel in the court system would help the courts better cope with things as they have come to