

will meet for a brief Executive Session, in Room 1003, upon recess to select a Vice-Chair. Appropriations Committee upon recess in Room 1003 by the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. President, I also have the Committee on Committees report as offered by Senator Lowell Johnson and the Committee on Committees. Also an acknowledgment, Mr. President, that Senator Beyer has been selected...Senator Emil Beyer has been selected as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Committees.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lowell Johnson. Could we have your attention for just a moment, please. (Gavel.) Could we have your attention just a moment, ladies and gentlemen. If we could have your attention just a moment, we won't request your attention too long today, but Senator Lowell Johnson has an announcement.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, your Committee on Committees met yesterday, and after careful deliberations completed the committee roster, which you find on your desks, which has been placed there by the Clerk. The report was unanimously adopted by the Committee on Committees, and I, therefore, move at this time that it be accepted and approved by the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the report. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Committee on Committees report.

PRESIDENT: The report is adopted. Back to you, Mr. Clerk. We're ready for the introduction of new bills. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1-80 by title for the first time. See pages 44-61 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: If I could have your attention just a moment, please, we'll introduce a couple of guests. Over under the north balcony, our first doctor of the day for this year is Dr. Dale Michaels of Lincoln, Nebraska. He's from Senator Warner's district. He's here to take care of us on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. So would you welcome Dr. Michaels. Would you please stand, Doctor. Thank you for

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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