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LB 94, 247, 570, 576, 683-808

as yet, please contact Joanne immediately. If you don't have the bill that you are expecting, please contact the Bill Drafters Office immediately. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, for the record, I have received a reference report referring LBs 496-599 including resolutions 8-12, all of which are constitutional amendments.

Mr. President, your Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance to whom we referred LB 94 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File with amendments attached. (See pages 320-21 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have hearing notices from the Judiciary Committee signed by Senator Chizek as Chair, and a second hearing notice from Judiciary as well as a third hearing notice from Judiciary, all signed by Senator Chizek.

Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 683-726 by title for the first time. See pages 321-30 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a request to add names, Senator Korshoj to LB 570, Senator Smith to LB 576, Senator Baack to 570 and Senator Barrett to LB 247.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Stand at ease.

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SPEAKER BARRETT: More bills, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. (Read LBs 727-776 by title for the first time. See pages 331-42 of the Legislative Journal.)

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SPEAKER BARRETT: More bill introductions.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. (Read LBs 777-808 by title for the first time. See pages 343-50 of the Legislative Journal.)

CLERK: Mr. President, I have reports. Your Committee on

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LB 48, 92A, 116, 157, 250, 289, 325
340, 342, 344, 360, 520, 603, 732

Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 116.

PRESIDENT: The bill advances. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 342 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with E & R amendments and LB 344 Select File with E & R amendments. Those are signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. (See pages 593-95 of the Legislative Journal.)

Education Committee reports LB 250 to General File with amendments. That is signed by Senator Withem. (See page 595 of the Legislative Journal.)

Health and Human Services reports LB 157 to General File, LB 360 General File, LB 520 General File. Those are signed by Senator Wesely as Chair. (See page 595 of the Legislative Journal.)

Government Committee reports LB 340 to General File with amendments attached. That is signed by Senator Baack as Chair. (See pages 595-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

New A bill, LB 92A by Senator Landis. (Read by title for the first time. See page 597 of the Legislative Journal.)

And, Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would like to add his name to LB 603 and to LB 289; Mr. President, Senator Smith to LB 325 and Senator Byars to LB 732. (See page 597 of the Legislative Journal.)

In addition to those items, Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to be printed to LB 48 from Senator Moore. (See pages 597-600 of the Legislative Journal.) And that is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beck, would you like to say something to us?

SENATOR BECK: Yes, Mr. President, I would. I move that we adjourn until next Monday morning at nine o'clock and that is February 6.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You've heard the motion. All in favor

Mr. President, Health and Human Services Committee, whose Chair is Senator Wesely, to whom was referred LB 732, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File. That is signed by Senator Wesely as Chair. That's all that I have now, Mr. President. (See pages 819-21 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: All right, thank you. We'll move on to General File and start with a priority bill this morning. LB 183.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 183 was introduced by Senator Baack and Senator Bernard-Stevens. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of this year, Mr. President, at that time it was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Education Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, are you going to take the committee amendments?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 183, in terms of education policy, may be one of the most important bills we debate and discuss this session. This is not a light weight bill, it's not a frivolous bill, it's a very important, major piece of legislation. I think this bill, along with two or three others that the Education Committee has advanced to the floor of the Legislature this year, will give us an opportunity that we rarely have in this Legislature, and that is to discuss things in education that really matter to parents and really matter to kids. So much of our time, in debating education issues, deal with issues that affect institutions, issues like reorganization of school districts, like funding of school districts, like some of the specific program types of things that we deal with. We spend 90 percent of our time in the Legislature dealing with those. I think Senator Baack is to be commended, along with Senator Bernard-Stevens for bringing a bill of this importance to the Legislature that actually deals with students, actually deals with the quality of education and the parents right to get their kids to have quality education. Throughout the debate this morning I'd ask you to evaluate the speakers, the remarks you are getting against that standard. The concerns that are being raised about the bill, are they concerns about quality of students education, or are they concerns about something else, and continue to ask that question. With that admonition and that general statement of