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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.

EASE

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

upcoming years. And the policy decision I think the body needs to look at is at this particular juncture, on the questionable thing of where Kearney is going and how it's going to be in the next year or so, do we want to put in 1.9 or whatever million dollars into a third story, on rooms and brick and mortar, or is there something else out there that we might be able to spend a little bit less, 1.7 million dollars, that would do two things? A, it would improve education within the state colleges, all state colleges, in all the State of Nebraska, and, B, which it would be something that would help do the same that is being done at the university, and that is library automation. The body may not realize that there is an intensive study done over the past years by the state colleges, as to what was it that state colleges needed in regards to library automation. And that bill was introduced, LB 770. But LB 770 was the entire picture, how much would be needed in library automation. Bottom line was if we went to phase one, we needed \$1.7 million. In fact, we said 1.9 to 2 million dollars, but the bids have been out and it looks like it will be 1.7 million dollars. And I think what I'm asking the body at least to look at is a policy decision. True, we need some space, but I suspect very highly and very sincerely that the space has been needed for a long time. And Senator Langford has heard this before, and she'll cringe when she hears it again. Space has been needed for a long time. Until we know exactly what Kearney is going to be doing within the university system, space is still a commodity that can be dealt with within the existing structure of the Kearney State College. But the body then, if we fail not to put the money into Founders Hall this particular time, is there a place that we can put the money that would still help state colleges and still help education of all students within state colleges, that which would bring information and computer information to libraries and unite all of them to bring information at the student's fingertips, that which is necessary for all students to have, that which the university system is now putting in, that which was not put in the appropriations budget which, in my opinion, was unfortunate? I think we have an area that we can do. I certainly do not think it would be feasible at this point to offer an amendment to switch money from going to Founders Hall into something else. I think what the body would have to do is make a decision, do we want the money to go to Founders Hall? If we do not, then an amendment would have to be offered on 814, I believe, after the Hartnett amendment has been gone through, line by line. That would then put the money into library automation. And I do think it's a

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obligation, other than their operating costs, and those are always contained in with the information and the basis for the appropriation. But I would urge that this particular facility, every justification for it has been made on their space requirements. It will meet some very critical needs. The study on the part of higher education is not going to change the need of the current facility at Kearney. I would hope that we would not withdraw the approval for this particular construction project.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, please, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I would call the question, please.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. And the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I'd like to give my closing time to Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Just a brief comment on Senator Warner's comments. Respectfully, I disagree somewhat. Number one, the study, a comprehensive study was done by the community colleges over a period of years, and that was the creation of LB 770. In fact, LB 770 was a multimillion dollar plan that would do all of the library inefficiencies and deficiencies that are now within the state college systems and would have been the futuristic look at what our library system needed to be. We then simply said in the committee hearing on LB 770, and there was a hearing, and the hearing was designed to give the committee the information that the study had obtained. They said we needed to have...we realize we cannot fund the entire project, we would like to fund phase one. And at that point phase one was about \$2 million. So we could not be totally certain because the bids had not been received yet. About two weeks ago the bids were received, and

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430, 473, 518, 536, 675, 677, 735
770, 796, 797, 896, 898, 899, 905
920, 998, 999, 1018, 1019, 1031, 1125
1136, 1170, 1198, 1207, 1211, 1220, 1222

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 1222 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, anything for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of items. Your Committee on Appropriations, whose Chairperson is Senator Warner, to whom was referred LB 1031, reports the bill to the full Legislature with committee amendments; LB 1125, to General File; LB 920, to General File; LB 1170, to General File with amendments; LB 536, General File with amendments; LB 1220, to General File; LB 896, to General File; LB 898, to General File; LB 899, to General File; LB 96, indefinitely postponed; LB 98, indefinitely postponed; LB 118, indefinitely postponed; LB 304, indefinitely postponed; LB 307, indefinitely postponed; LB 317, indefinitely postponed; LB 428, indefinitely postponed; LB 430, indefinitely postponed; LB 473, LB 518, LB 675, LB 677, LB 735, LB 770, LB 796, LB 797, LB 998, LB 999, LB 1198, LB 1207, all indefinitely postponed; and LB 1211 and LB 905, advanced to General File with committee amendments. (See pages 1131-37 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Landis would ask to print amendments to LB 1136 in the Journal. (See pages 1137-38 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator Warner has asked to announce an Executive Session of the Appropriations Committee in Room 1003, upon adjournment today. And I have a request from Senator Ashford to add his name to LB 1018 and LB 1019.

PRESIDENT: No objections, so ordered.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Then, Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Hannibal would move that we adjourn until March 5, 1990, at 9:00 a.m.