

Commission for Postsecondary Education, again, filed pursuant to statute; a report from the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission filed pursuant to statute; the annual report of the Division of Telecommunications; a communication from a series of Natural Resources Districts, Mr. President, with respect to payment of attorneys fees incurred during this past year. (See pages 88-89 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a series of appointment letters from the Governor, appointments to the Board of Health, to the Rural Health Manpower Commission, the Foster Care Review Board, the Job Training Council, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Those will all be referred to Reference for referral to the appropriate Standing Committee, Mr. President. (See pages 89-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

Finally, I have received a communication with respect to the siting for the low-level radio active waste disposal facility. That communication was received from US Ecology, Mr. President. (See page 88 of the Legislative Journal.) All of those reports will be on file in my office subject to review by members upon their request. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, we're ready to begin the introduction of bills and some of you I understand would like to hear what the bills are about, so while I don't wish to spoil your fun and visitation with each other, kindly hold it down so that those that wish to listen to the introduction of the bills may do so. We anticipate that this will probably go on until about noon and, of course, free to do whatever you would like to do. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, the introduction of bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills: (Read by title for the first time, LBs 818-878. See pages 97-109 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have amendments to be printed from Senator Rod Johnson to LB 163, LB 39, LB 37. (See pages 110-14 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new bills. (Read by title for the first time, LBs 879-922. See pages 114-23 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have new resolutions: (Read brief description

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LB 881-957, 997-1010
LR 229

If I may, Mr. President, I have a Reference Report referring LBs 881-957, and LR 229. (See pages 175-77 of the Legislative Journal.) And, Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 997-1010 by title for the first time. See pages 177-80 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that's all that I have at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding to the next item on...from the Rules Committee. Chairman Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, the next one is number nine identified on your list. It specifies that a motion to suspend the rules is not divisible. The reason for this, without reading it all but putting it hopefully in laymen's terms so we can understand it, is that when a motion to suspend the rules is attempted it's intended to accomplish only one thing. You don't suspend the rules to accomplish three, four, five or six different things. But, if the amendment that would accomplish one thing would, for example, suspend Rule 1, Section 2, Rule 2, Section 3, Rule 3, Section 4, because it's necessary to do that to identify those sections of the rules that serve that single purpose, you cannot divide the question and take any one of those three rule changes independently. I think, Mr. President and members, that explains the purpose and intent of this rule change and would suggest that we support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Discussion on the proposal...proposed change number nine? Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, let me tell you what the real purpose of this rule change is. There have been attempts at various times to suspend the rules so that there can be no debate or discussion or amendment on bills, and I have indicated that I would divide that question. So the purpose of the rule is to prevent that from happening. So however many things are put into a rule suspension will have to be taken as a package. In some instances you may have a situation where people will think and believe that you should be able to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking a vote without any additional debate, amendment and so forth. And maybe that is all right. Naturally, I'm opposed to it because

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LB 313, 663A, 863, 901, 986, 991, 1004
1032, 1050, 1117, 1178

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our Chaplain of the day is Pastor William Yeager of Westminster Presbyterian Church here in Lincoln. Will you please rise for the prayer.

PASTOR YEAGER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you very much, Reverend Yeager. We hope you can come back again. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 1050, LB 1004 and LB 863 to Select File, those signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. (See pages 686-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

Government Committee reports LB 1032 to General File with amendments. That's signed by Senator Baack. Business and Labor reports LB 901 to General File, LB 1178 General File, LB 313 General File with amendments, LB 986 indefinitely postponed, LB 991 indefinitely postponed, LB 1117 indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Coordsen. (See pages 688-90 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, notice of hearing from the Revenue Committee. That is signed by Senator Hall and new A bill, Mr. President, LB 663A. It's a bill by Senator Scofield. (Read brief description. See page 690 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have received a request from the Nebraska State College System regarding approval required by the Legislature for a bond issue with respect to student housing at Kearney State College. That will be referred to Reference Committee.

Mr. President, finally, a report from the Department of Social Services filed pursuant to statute. That will be on file in my

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LB 551, 843, 901, 958, 1007, 1039, 1071
1087, 1105, 1119, 1133, 1243
LR 253

registered lobbyists for the present week. New bill. (Read LB 1243 by title for the first time.) New resolution. (Read brief summary of LR 253.) Your Committee on Retirement, whose Chairperson is Senator Haberman, reports LB 1105 to General File; LB 1039 to General File with amendments. Committee on Transportation reports LB 1119 to General File; LB 958, General File with amendments; LB 1007, indefinitely postponed; LB 1071, indefinitely postponed; LB 1087, indefinitely postponed; LB 1133, indefinitely postponed. Senator Baack would ask to name LB 843 as a priority bill. Senator Abboud offers explanation of vote on the bills that were read on Final Reading this morning. And unanimous consent request to add names, Senator Byars to LB 551, Senator Kristensen to LB 551 and Senator Chambers to LB 901. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 717-24 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. Senator Byars, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BYARS: Mr. President, I would move that we adjourn until Monday, February 12, 1990, at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: You've heard the motion. Those in favor say aye. Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Coordsen amendment to LB 313. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend. Senator Hall's amendment is on page 968 of the Journal. I do have a motion from Senator Hall to suspend the germaneness rules, specifically, Rule 7, Section 3(d) to permit consideration of his amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. The amendment that I would offer after the rule suspension is the bill that I introduced in the form of LB 901 to the Business and Labor Committee. It is a bill that had virtually no opposition. I think there was one individual that testified in opposition, but when he realized that he would not be impacted by the bill I think backed off on that opposing testimony and just talked about some of the issues in the bill. What it would do is it would increase the state minimum wage to match the federal minimum wage and the increases that have been put in place and that will be put in place for the next couple of years. If you remember, Congress passed that bill last year. If you remember back to 1987, this body passed, seven years later, the state minimum wage bill that mirrored the federal minimum wage. It took us seven years to, basically, catch up for the employers that we cover that don't fall under the...excuse me, that do fall under the federal floor. In other words, anybody who doesn't meet the federal requirements as an employer does not have to meet the minimum wage standards. Well, as you know, Nebraska has its own standards by which an employer qualifies so that there is a gap there from those people, because the state's is a lower floor, there is a gap for those employers who are at or below the state minimum and when the federal minimum would kick into place. What my amendment would do is take the contents of LB 901 and place it as new sections to LB 313, Senator McFarland's bill, and it would just have the State of Nebraska, those employers who fall within our minimum wage laws meet those same requirements that we ask...that the federal