

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

made some excellent points relative to the grand jury and the judicial system and the process. He sees it from one perspective, I see it from another. He sees it as a conveyance of a message that perhaps the Legislature does not approve and, in fact, I think the message is even more plain than that that we do not approve of certain types of vacillation and equivocation. On the other hand, I look at it as a positive situation where I like to say, yes, Judge Hastings has exercised good judgment, he is a man of conviction and principle and good temperament, as are, I think, most of the rest of them. I would like to see additions to that judiciary that are even better than what we have today and I think that would go for all of the sitting judges. I don't think it's going to make much difference whether it's 10 percent or 13, or 20 percent, but eventually it's the expression of a job well done that there is some recognition by this body that they do perform well. As I said, there is no punishment factor that can be exercised by the judiciary. There isn't much that can be done that way. There isn't anything that can be...they can't withhold their political support, they can't crank up political support, so they don't have that kind of a club. All you do, ladies and gentlemen, is to do what you think is right. I know that's what you're going to do and I respect that and I accept it. I do not, as Senator Chambers suggests, jump for joy. I do accept what is the inevitable and I would suggest, Senator Chambers, and I suggested it to you the other day, if you let me know when you're not going to be here, there might be another day and I might make an end run, but now I have to worry about the Lieutenant Governor also. But, anyway, vote your convictions and we'll get on with the show. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We are now voting on the advancement of LB 42 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 4 nays, Madam President, on the motion to advance LB 42.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 42 is advanced. We now move to Select File. Mr. Clerk, LB 163. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, thank you. Urban Affairs Committee reports LR 11CA to General File; LB 1229, General File with amendments; LB 912, indefinitely postponed. Those are signed by