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LB 936-938
LR 234

PRESIDENT: (Cavel.) Are there any of you that do have a bill that wish to put it in today? If so, indicate so that we'll know. Otherwise, we're about ready to close up shop. Anyone have a bill? Okay, we'll be through in a few minutes and then we'll ask Speaker Barrett to talk to you about tomorrow and so forth in a little bit. Thank you.

CLERK: (Read by title for the first time, LBs 936-938. See page 133 of the Legislative Journal.)

Finally, Mr. President, I have a new resolution, LR 234 by Senator Hannibal asking the members to designate the first day of every regular session as Nebraska Citizen's Day. That will be laid over, Mr. President. (See page 134 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A couple of you have asked how many bills were introduced today, and I believe the count is 120. Speaker Barrett, the Chair recognizes you for some information. (Cavel.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Some of you have also wondered about our agenda for tomorrow. May I suggest to you that we'll start on rules, the adoption of permanent rules tomorrow morning. That should take some time. If time remains for the conclusion of the day we will proceed immediately to committee priority bills, General File committee priority bills. You will notice on the worksheet that we'll start with 678 followed by 720.

PRESIDENT: And what about Friday?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Friday is a recess day, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Speaker Barrett. It's good to see you all back and I'm sure you've had a good time just visiting with each other this morning. Senator Morrissey, would you like to adjourn us until tomorrow at nine o'clock, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I move we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

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LB 881-957, 997-1010
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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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to General File, that is signed by Senator Wesely. Transportation Committee reports LB 690 to General File, LB 937 General File with amendments, LB 988 General File with amendments, LB 1020 General File with amendments, 11...those are Transportation bills, those are signed by Senator Lamb. Business and Labor reports LB 1173 to General File with amendments. That is signed by Senator Coordsen. Judiciary reports LB 1113 to General File. That is signed by Senator Chizek. And Retirement Systems Committee reports LB 903 to General File. That is offered by Senator Haberman. (See pages 823-29 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move at this time for the advancement of LB 313 as amended.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, on the advancement of the bill, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Begrudgingly, move for advancement, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, discussion, further discussion? Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I really...I don't know if I can begrudgingly move for advancement. I know the people that were part of the compromise are saying we need the 10, if we can get only 10, we'll take it. If that's the only crumb we're going to give them...I don't know, I just don't know whether I can vote for it or not. I agree they are in trouble when...you're really in trouble when you have to swallow what these folks are having to swallow and accept this \$10 amendment, or \$10 increase, a dollar something per day. And I'm still considering and I'd like to get some feedback from the body, I guess, on my amendment to issue this in a separate check. I really do think it would be good for all of us, politically, to let the folks know how generous we have been to them, let them know, because, like I said, these people are liable to blow that ten bucks, two gallons of milk, two boxes of corn flakes, ten bucks right down the drain, and they're liable to blow it and not realize that we gave them this increase, not realize that the Nebraska Legislature and the

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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, and maybe I can help clarify some of the confusion on the floor for those that are paying attention. Jerry, I think you mentioned it was 961, actually I think it's LB 931 and that is where I got confused that it was in part...937?

SENATOR CONWAY: LB 937.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, 937, and so that's where some of the confusion is that it is still being held by committee and the other question I guess you can do by a nod of your head, on 937 then that is being offered, did you offer, I assume then, the committee amendments, the bill as amended by the committee as far as this amendment pending?

SENATOR CONWAY: Right, it is as amended.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. Senator Conway, there are no further lights on. Would you care to close?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President, like you say, it's a minor situation, is creating a difficulty for a county clerk in my district in Dakota County by virtue of he does not know what he is authorized to do without this technique. We came up with a solution. Everyone seemed to agree to it, that this would be a way to work. It is somewhat unique in that we don't have that many insurance companies who upon the theft of a vehicle and then later it is found and has a title in an out-of-state situation even though it has been signed over, that conversion is a very difficult situation. So it is unique, but it would be very helpful for this company to continue to do business. So with that, I offer the amendment.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Conway was closing on AM2470 to LB 369. The issue before you is the adoption of that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amendment is adopted. Are there further amendments to the bill?