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LR 234

And that is not a valid, logical position. I don't think it is a reasonable legislative position and in order not to drag out the discussion on this resolution, that will be all I have to say except to reemphasize that I intend to vote against this resolution and I'll vote against others of similar stripe.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, would you like to close...Senator Lynch, your light came on. Senator Hannibal, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, I also have many thoughts running through my head, but I will exercise some constraint as well. I appreciate you pointing up some facts about the issue of what days are Nebraska citizens days and which days are days for all the people that we are elected to serve, and I agree with you wholeheartedly. Senator Smith, I'm not sure I really needed that much support saying that this resolution wasn't near as bad as some of them that we have, but I guess I'll take a vote whenever I can get it. Yes, it is true that each day that we meet in session, as a matter of fact, each day that we serve in the Legislature, is for all the citizens in Nebraska. That is my philosophy as well. However, I would suggest that we have many days that are proclaimed to be special for certain kinds of occasions and, in fact, certain individuals and that to say that because this all day should be for Nebraska citizens and not have a day that we proclaim as a special recognition would be tantamount in my estimation to saying that we shouldn't have a veterans' day because that implies that every other day is not a day that should be recognized for veterans and their service to us or any number of things that we do have. I believe that this is a gesture of recognition that we are here because of the citizens and we are here to serve the citizens and it's not near as bad a resolution as some of them we've passed and I would urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 234.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. We'll go on to number six, introduction of new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read by title for the first time, LBs 939-968. See pages 138-45 of the Legislative

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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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949, 956, 980A, 1068, 1089, 1111-1113, 1132
1162, 1222, 1233

motor vehicles, motor vehicle driver program by 30,000 for Fiscal Year 1990-1991. With that, I would ask your adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 980A.

PRESIDENT: LB 980A is advanced. Something for the record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Senator Wesely has amendments to LB 1113 to be printed; Senator Hall to LB 313. Health and Human Services Committee reports the following: LB 1222 to General File with amendments and LB 664, LB 666, LB 757, LB 948, LB 1068, LB 1089, LB 1111, LB 1112, LB 1132, LB 1162, LB 869, LB 925, LB 949 and LB 1233, all of those reported indefinitely postponed. Signed by Senator Wesely as Chair of the committee, Mr. President. That's all that I have at this time. (See pages 968-74 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We'll move on to LB 956, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 956 is on Select File. The first order of business are adoption of the...or consideration, I should say, of Enrollment and Review amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, can you handle that, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: I move the adoption of the E & R amendments.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Conway. Senator, this is your amendment that is on page 569 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway, please. Do you wish to have it withdrawn? It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Wesely and Schmit. I have a note on here, Senator,

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but anyway the feeling was that we needed to focus in on that problem and not open it up beyond that. And I think Senator Coordsen's amendment is right on target, should help the nursing home industry, not hurt the social workers, not hurt the intent of that original legislation and deal with a pretty important problem. I'm very pleased with this compromise. I hope you will vote for it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I, too, rise to support Senator Coordsen. I want the body also to know that this is not LB 948 or LB 949. There was a lot of letters that we all received on those bills. This is a compromise version that was worked out and I think it's been worked out with all of the parties involved, so this is not LB 948. So I do support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion on the amendment? Senator Coordsen, for a closing statement.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Just to move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Coordsen amendment to LB 1080. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Coordsen amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. We're back to the matter of advancing LB 1080. Any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 1080, as amended, be advanced to E & R for Engrossing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the motion to advance 1080 to E & R Engrossing say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it. Motion carried. The bill is advanced. To the A bill, Mr. Clerk.