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LB 259, 259A, 505, 678A, 720A, 969-996
LR 231

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't mind.

PRESIDENT: Thank you for being so cooperative. We'll take it up after lunch. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. President, I move that we recess until one-thirty.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. We are recessed until one-thirty. Senator Chambers, we'll take yours up...Senator Chambers, we'll take yours up right after...at one-thirty. Okay.

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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Members of the Legislature who are hiding out in their offices, appreciate it if you would come to the sanctuary so we can start the service. We already have three members here but we need a few more.

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

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers will be here in a moment, and then we can begin on the...Mr. Clerk, do you want to read in new bills while we are waiting, please?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, I do. Thank you, new bills. (Read for the first time by title: LB 969-996. See pages 150-57 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to be printed, Senator Hefner to LR 231, Senator Wesely to LB 720A, LB 678A, Senator Withem to LB 259, LB 259A, and Senator Weihing to LB 505.

Mr. President, I will announce now that there will be a Reference Committee meeting at three o'clock in Room 2101, Reference Committee at three o'clock. 2102. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, as you will recall, we are on

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LB 409, 958-1013, 1031, 1032
LR 235

SPEAKER BARRETT: Let's stand at ease until eleven-fifteen, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you.

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CLERK: Three quick announcements. Reference will meet underneath the south balcony now. Referencing Committee, underneath the south balcony right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...return to the Legislative Chamber. The Legislature will reconvene and continue our discussion on the adoption of our permanent rules. Please return to the Legislative Chamber. Mr. Clerk, would you read in new bills, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 1031 and LB 1032 by title for the first time. See pages 198-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have a new resolution. (Read brief summary of LR 235. See page 199 of the Journal.) That will be laid over.

I have amendments from Speaker Barrett to be printed to LE 409. Mr. President, I also have a Reference Report referring LBs 958-1013, as well as certain gubernatorial appointments received. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 199-201 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have you a motion, Mr. Clerk, to reconsider action taken last week?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on the Wesely amendment to the rules, which I believe the Legislature discussed on Thursday afternoon.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this motion is designed to reconsider the vote that was taken on

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The Chair of the Transportation Committee, Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, LB 980 is a priority bill of the Transportation Committee. If you will remember, last year we had LB 285 which puts Nebraska in compliance with federal regulations in regard to commercial driver's licenses. LB 980 is somewhat of a cleanup bill to LB 285. The committee amendments, the main part of the committee amendments is that it incorporates LB 979 into LB 980 and LB 979 has to do with the financial responsibility. This requires that the Public Service Commission would require private motor carriers who operate commercially licensed motor vehicles registered for gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds to meet the commission's financial responsibility filing requirements. The committee amendment also modifies the interstate physical requirements to conform to the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations. And it also strikes the restriction that an applicant for a commercial driver's license who certifies that they are not subject to Part 391 of the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations shall be issued a commercial driver's license which is restricted to intrastate operation only of commercial vehicles. In other words, we tried to water it down as much as possible for the intrastate or those who operate within the State of Nebraska. I would ask that the committee amendment be adopted, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. There are no other lights on. Would you waive closing on the committee amendments? Senator Lamb waives closing. The issue before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 980. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amendments are adopted. LB 980, Senator Lamb, are you handling the bill?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes. As I mentioned before, LB 980 is a Transportation Committee priority bill, and one of the things it does is delete the provision in the current statute which we have that requires that for an ordinary driver's license you pay