

January 4, 1990

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.

RECESS

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.

EASE

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

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LB 259, 845, 972, 973, 993, 1014-1048, 1057-1059
LR 236

Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I move to recess until 1:30 p.m.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, would you care to read anything in before we vote on the motion to recess.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1057-1059 by title for the first time as found on pages 232-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

A series of requests to add names, Senator Beck to LB 1026, Senator Kristensen to LB 1035, Senator Conway to LB 993, Senator Wahrbein to LB 973, Senator Wehrbein to LB 972, Senator Weihing to LB 845.

(Reference Committee Report referring LBs 1014-1048 and LR 236 appears on pages 233-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, explanation of vote offered by Senator Kristensen. (Re: LB 259.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. A reminder especially to committee chairs. Committee chairmen, please take note. If you are planning hearings, public hearings next Tuesday, notices of that fact should be filed with the Clerk today. File the notice of public hearing today if you are planning to begin hearings next Tuesday. Those in favor of the Haberman motion to recess until one thirty say aye. Opposed no. Carried. We are recessed.

RECESS

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any messages, reports, anything for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: One item, Mr. President, I have a hearing notice from the Banking Committee for hearings scheduled on Tuesday,

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much longer than paper products. I was just doing an informal count this morning, as I got here early, and there were, I think, 15 coffee cups on senators' desks, so I think the way to remedy this problem is very simple. Each of us, I think, can afford a coffee cup. If you can't, I've got several down in my office. I'd be happy to provide for you but the idea is to look at a problem that I think more and more people are concerned with which is the environment of our state and our country, and this is one way I think that we as a body, can send a message to state government that we are concerned about trying to find alternative methods of handling the waste problem that we have. We'll have a solid waste discussion later this afternoon or this morning on LB 163, but I guess I would like to ask the body if they would consider, by the passage of this resolution, to restrict the use of styrofoam cups here on the floor of the Legislature by ourselves and our staffs so that we can in some way send a message to the people of Nebraska that we are concerned about our environment, protecting the ozone layer, but, hopefully, contributing to relieving some of the landfill problems we've got in our country and our state. Senator Hefner does have an amendment that will be coming shortly which I have no problem with and I think he will explain it at that time, but I would ask for the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner. Mr. Clerk, have you an amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. The first amendment I have is by Senator Moore, but he is excused until he arrives. I would then, Mr. President, with your permission, proceed to Senator Hefner's amendment which is on page 157 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, as you remember, last year we passed a bill in regards to degradable plastics and I commend Senator Rod Johnson now saying to this group here, let's not use styrofoam cups anymore because it's not degradable. Like Senator Johnson said, they would last up to 300 years. Well, I have facts that says that it will last much longer than that, so I think we need to be mindful of that. But what my amendment does, it says that until we come up with a degradable product, I've introduced a bill, the number is LB 993 that says by January 1, 1992, nondegradable styrofoam cups could