

Legislature as explained by Senator Schmit. Thank you. Any messages, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, new resolution by Senators Wesely and Barrett, LR 10. That will be laid over. (See page 138 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, reminder, the Transportation Committee will conduct their confirmation hearing tomorrow morning at eight-thirty. That's signed by Senator Lamb as Chair of the committee. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator John Weihing, would you like to adjourn us until Friday, November 17th, at 9:00 a.m., please.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President, I make a motion that we adjourn until nine o'clock, November 17.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. You may stay, Senator Haberman. We are adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

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PRESIDENT: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us Mr. Johnson, Reverend Johnson this morning for our invocation. Would you please rise.

REVEREND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Harland Johnson, thank you again for your thoughtful prayer. We always appreciate them. Thank you. Roll call, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Do we have any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to introduce a special guest in the north balcony, if I may have your attention for a moment. We have a state representative, Tim Kelley of the 6th District, this is from the Missouri House of Representatives. Will you please stand and be welcomed to our Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today, Tim. He's a guest of Senator Roger Wehrbein, incidentally, if I didn't say that. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 8 and LR 9. Anything to read in, Pat?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. We'll move on to LR 10.

CLERK: Mr. President, prior to consideration of resolutions this morning, Speaker Barrett would move to suspend Rule 4, Section 6 and Rule 9, Section 2 to permit consideration of LRs 10 and 11 this morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, are you going to move to the resolution, suspension, suspension of the rules?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, Mr. President, I would move to suspend Rule 4, Section 6 and Rule 9, Section 2 in order to permit us to discuss legislative resolutions 10 and 11. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the suspension of the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended. All right, now we'll move on to LR 10, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LR 10 was introduced by Senators Wesely and Barrett. It's found on page 138 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, if you could gain the attention of the body, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Could we please have a little attention to Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, it's not to call attention to myself, but we have a lot of resolutions that we deal with in this Legislature, and dealing with many different individuals and teams and institutions. But today Senator Barrett and I are attempting to recognize one of our own. This resolution, if you have a chance to look at it, it's on page 138 of the Journal, is in praise of our very own Clerk of the Legislature, Pat O'Donnell. Pat, of course, being a modest individual, perhaps you're not aware of some of his achievement. We're trying to call attention, not only to all of you as members of this Legislature, but all citizens of the state, that the Clerk of the Legislature is about to take office, in a matter of weeks, as the Staff President of the National Conference of State Legislatures. He is currently the Staff Vice-Chair of that conference, which we're a member of, and which includes something like 7,500 state legislators and 20,000 legislative staff from all 50 states. Speaker Barrett is a member of the Executive Board of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the two of us are very familiar with the conference, having served...I serve as Vice-Chair of the Commerce Committee and have been active in NCSL. I can assure you that the National Conference and the leadership of the conference are very proud of and very respectful of Pat

O'Donnell. I think we're all aware of the good...

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, (gavel). Could we please have a little quiet so that we can hear the speaker, Wesely. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Again, what we found, I think all of us have respected and appreciated what Pat has done for us in this Legislature. But it's nice to know that one of our own has gained not only attention within the body and within our state, but also has gained the respect of the entire Conference of State Legislators. For him to be elected to become the President of that conference is the highest honor any legislative staff can achieve. He's reached the top and he's about to take that office, and I think it's appropriate for us to recognize that achievement. I'd like to give the rest of my time to Speaker Barrett. Again, he's the Executive Board member of the conference, another achievement for us, and we're proud of that achievement of Speaker Barrett.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm particularly pleased to join in co-sponsoring this resolution with Senator Wesely, because as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures I've had an opportunity to watch our Clerk, Pat O'Donnell, work his ways, his very capable ways with that particular group. Pat is, as we know, one of the most capable, one of the most willing clerk's that any of us will probably ever know or ever want to know. He's extremely conscientious, not only with this body, but with NCSL. His unflagging energy and his unflappable disposition, at least most of the time, (laughter) and his ever-present pipe make him a person who stands out, not only for his abilities but in other ways as well. He's particularly conscientious about his job. He is always studying the process, and he's always trying to improve the institution and studying ways to improve our system. It is a compliment not only to Patrick J. O'Donnell, but to members of this Legislature and to the State of Nebraska, for him to be recognized this year as Staff Vice-Chair of NCSL, soon to become Staff Chair of NCSL, the highest elective position for a staff person in that particular national organization. NCSL is going to be in very good hands on December 1st when Pat O'Donnell takes his position as Chairman, Staff Chair of NCSL. I urge the body to adopt this

resolution unanimously. Thank you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT: Clerk O'Donnell, would you like to say something in addition to the obituary that has been offered? (Laughter.)

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, I hesitate, as you know, to exercise the privilege of the house, but I want the members to know that I appreciate the expression of sentiment on your parts. I'm looking forward to this coming year, and I feel very grateful and very proud to be affiliated with this Legislature in the capacity as Clerk. And, frankly, I wouldn't be in a position to be able to do the thing as Staff Chair this year without your support and without your contributions, and I owe all of you a debt of gratitude for that. So, thank you for that. Hopefully I'll represent the state well this year. As I've told a number of my colleagues from the various states around the country, we've got the best Legislature in the country, and I sincerely believe that. And thank you very much for your help and support.

PRESIDENT: Pat, we certainly do appreciate what you do for all of us. I think you can feel it from the reaction of the body that they certainly mean what they have said, and we do appreciate your services day after day, sometimes we take them for granted, but we always do appreciate them. Thank you very much. Good luck to you, of course, in your tenure coming up. Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the resolution. Senator Chambers, your light was on, I didn't recognize....Okay. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please. (Laughter.) Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. We'll move to LR 11.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 11 is introduced this morning by Senators Scofield, Wehrbein and Wesely. It asks....It reads as follows: (Read LR 11 as found on page 141 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, with the pretty new dress.