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LR 103, 109, 157, 158, 159

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: (Microphone not activated) ...this morning Harland Johnson as our chaplain. Would you please rise.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Mr. Johnson. We appreciate it. Roll call, please.

CLERK: (Microphone not activated) ...157 by Senators Crosby...I'm sorry, this is a regular resolution, LR 157 by Senators Crosby and Schimek. (Read brief description. See pages 2183-84 of the Legislative Journal.)

Two study resolutions, the first by Speaker Barrett, the second by Senators Schellpeper and Wesely. (See pages 2184-85 of the Legislative Journal regarding LR 158 and LR 159.)

Mr. President, LR 103 is ready for your signature. And that's all that I have this morning.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will move on to LR 109, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 109 was introduced by Senator Warner. It's found on page 2077. (Read brief description.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this resolution was brought to me by some members of the Latvian Association in Nebraska. But over the weekend they had an American Congress of Latvian Association which, obviously, is a group of American citizens who are from Latvia. And the resolution takes a couple of things. It encourages the expansion of freedom opportunities and more self-determination in Latvia. And then, secondly, it asks for the remains of the former President of Latvia, Dr. Karlis Ulmanis who was taken to a concentration camp during World War II and never heard from again. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. My interest contact comes from the fact that while he was attending the University of Nebraska and he graduated in 1909, he stayed at my home, that is with my father, along with some other students, and because of that long association...that long ago association, many years ago, from time to time, I have had the

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LB 84
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PRESIDENT: We have with us this morning Mr. Gerry Harris who is chaplain for the Lincoln Post 3 American Legion. Would you please rise for the invocation.

GERRY S. HARRIS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Mr. Harris. We appreciate it. Roll call, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have...LR 109 is ready for your signature. Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 84. And I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Haberman regarding LB 84. That's all that I have Mr. President. (See pages 2259-62 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 109. Move on to resolutions, LR 157.

CLERK: Mr. President, 157 offered by Senators Crosby and Schimek. (Read brief description of LR 157.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Crosby, are you going to handle that, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Crosby, just a...(gavel). Could we hold it down a little bit so we can hear Senator Crosby? Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you very much, Mr. President. It is a real privilege this morning to have introduced LR 157, a resolution congratulating a team from Southeast High School which is in District 29, where you're all going to play

basketball tonight, for their academic achievement. We're really proud of these young people and their coach, Ted Larson, the teacher who has worked with them for so long. They competed and won, the national bicentennial competition on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and I think they...one of the things I like about it is that it is academic achievement. We love the sports but it's wonderful to know. We hear a lot about that our schools are not good but here's a proof that they are good. The schools are good, the teachers are good and the students are working hard. So, as I say, it's a real privilege to offer this resolution. And we passed out the clippings from the newspaper so you can read about these young people and their teacher. Another thing I really like about this particular team is that they...they tried once before and did not win and they worked really hard again for two years and they did win, which it's an old axiom but if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. In the clippings there was two things that I liked about the interview with the students. One young man said they were really prepared and they could tell when they scored because the judges would nod their heads when they knew the answers. Also, the other young man said you can tell when you're turning off the judges especially when they drop their heads on the desks, which shows they had a sense of humor and were working together to make this wonderful achievement. So I hope you will all read the news stories and maybe some of you have already seen them in the local papers, and vote for LR 157. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, I would like to add my word of congratulations also to this group of young people and to stress what Senator Crosby has mentioned that this is an academic achievement that we don't often recognize. We recognize basketball and all the other sports and that's great but this is an academic achievement that should be recognized. My wife and I had the privilege the other night at a function of sitting with the parents of one of the team members and they, of course, were understandably proud. We learned much about the rigors that those young people go through in order to compete in this contest. And so it brought forth a greater appreciation to us as to the, really, the magnitude of their achievement to win the national competition. And so I certainly support this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of LR 157.

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All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 157.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 167, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 167 introduced by Senators Hefner, Rogers and Johnson. (Read brief description of LR 167.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this resolution is on page 2197. This resolution was drafted and being introduced to address the problems that we're having in the pork industry today. There's a lot of butcher hogs and finished pork products coming into the United States and Nebraska from Canada, therefore depressing the pork prices here in our state. The Canadian government provides production incentives to their pork producers which certainly helps to encourage overproduction in Canada. The overflow comes into the United States. This is depressing the hog prices in Nebraska, causing our pork producers to lose money. At the present time, there is a duty on hogs imported from Canada and that's a permanent duty. And now there is a temporary duty on imported pork products from Canada and this was just instigated recently. This is an attempt by our government to offset the incentives by the Canadian government. This resolution urges our government to establish a permanent duty on pork products imported from Canada. This move would put the hog raisers in Nebraska and the United States, I feel, on a level playing field with Canadian producers. This is the way it should be. The Canadian government pays its producers a subsidy of \$19.50 per hog in the third quarter of 1988 and \$31 per hog in the fourth quarter of '88, and I don't know what it is for the first quarter of '89. Those figures aren't in yet. The House Agriculture Committee Subcommittee on livestock, dairy and poultry will be holding a public field hearing on imports of Canadian hogs and pork products May 19th at Sioux City, Iowa. This resolution will be presented at this hearing to the subcommittee. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of LR 167.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rogers, please. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just echo what

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LB 289
LR 157, 160, 167, 168

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning Pastor Thomas Saddler, who is Associate Pastor at the Christ Temple Mission in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the invocation.

PASTOR SADDLER: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Pastor Saddler. We appreciate your being here this morning. Roll call, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. One small correction. On page 2264, line 17, after LB 716 insert "E & R amendments". That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, do you have any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would like to print amendments to LB 289; and LR 157, LR 167, and LR 168 are ready for your signature. That's all that that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 2293-94 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session, capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 167, LR 157, and LR 168. It's good to see the surviving basketball players here this morning. See several of them didn't survive, but we're sorry about that. We'll move on to LR 160.

CLERK: Mr. President, 160, offered by Senator Moore, is found on page 2192 of the Journal. It asks that the Legislature encourage Nebraska communities to establish block home programs and that the McGruff House symbol and program be exclusively recommended for use in Nebraska to allow children and adults to readily recognize the symbol in any part of the state or county they are in.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, how you feel?

SENATOR MOORE: I feel good, Mr. President. And, if you take a