

May 9, 1989

LB 285A, 352  
LR 160-172

CLERK: Mr. President, confirmation reports from the Transportation Committee. (See page 2192 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Moore offers LR 160. (Read brief description of LR 160.) LR 161 is a study resolution by Senator Moore, as is LR 162, LR 163 and LR 164. Senator Pirsch offers a study resolution, LR 165. Senator Lynch has LR 166, study resolution. LR 167 is offered by Senator Hefner. (Read brief description of LR 167.) LR 168 by Senator Wesely. (Read brief description of LR 168.) Study resolutions, LR 169 by Senator Wesely, LR 170, LR 171 and LR 172. (See pages 2192-2202 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 285A by Senator Lamb. (See page 2202 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 352.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 352 is on General File. It was introduced by Senator Abboud. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Mr. President. (See page 779 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, did you want to take the committee amendments? Can you do that in your uniform?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, the...we're on LB 352. The committee amendments simply change the appeal time limit. The time limit in the bill was originally written at 20 days. We changed that to 30 days to make it consistent with all of the other appeal processes, otherwise we would have...I think it could be confusing to the people involved if it was...this is the only one that would be 20 days, all the rest of them are 30 days. So we simply changed that 20 to 30 days. Thank you.

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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

look at the resolution, on page 2192 of your Journal, this is the McGruff resolution. Also, you'll notice back behind the glass there we have a new lobbyist this morning, McGruff is back there. There he is, back there. Maybe after we get this passed we can bring him in and introduce him. But for the time being, since he's in the middle of this debate, he has to stay back behind the glass. But I want to explain to you a little bit about this resolution and why I want to make it perfectly clear that on the second thing, it says the McGruff symbol and program shall be exclusively recommended for use in Nebraska. Now, McGruff houses, there are a lot of block homes, there are a lot of different organizations that have block homes across the state. But none of these are of statewide nature, and none of these are of a nationwide nature. A McGruff house, quite simply, is a safe place for children who find themselves in an emergency, in a threatening situation and McGruff, the nice thing about McGruff and why the McGruff organization, and law enforcement officials across the state and country are trying to move forward with a nationwide, statewide McGruff block house program, is the fact that McGruff has a 99 percent recognition rate for all children in school. They've seen McGruff on TV, they've seen... McGruff has come to their school, and they understand McGruff and they actually... they very much trust in McGruff because they see him as their friend. And, also it's 96 percent of the teens in the nation recognize McGruff and trust him. Now, McGruff, the McGruff block home organization is operational in 42 other states. And the nice thing about this is that a lot of families move across the nation, across the state, you know, what sort of local block home organization they have in some cities may be different in the next cities and they will not recognize the signs, because they are not used to it. Well, the McGruff house, and the McGruff symbol is a sign, if you've seen the signs with McGruff and the little House, that sign is universal across the nation, that McGruff House cannot be duplicated, if you try and duplicate this it just simply won't work. It's not as simple as some of the other ones, it's a little more in more detail. There is only one place that you can get the McGruff posters. So it's quick to check out to see who is an official McGruff House and who would be trying to be an imposter, but really you couldn't do that. Now, there have been no... the McGruff program, there has been... in the States of Michigan, Montana, Washington, New Mexico, Minnesota and Utah they've passed either legislation or resolutions similar to this encouraging the exclusive use of the McGruff House. And also I've received letters, we've all received letters from a variety

of organizations in the state, the Omaha Police Department, the Nebraska PTA, the Grand Island Police Department, the Madison County Civil Defense, the Nebraska County Judges Association, the Nebraska Association of Chief's of Police, the Nebraska Crime Commission, Nebraska Sheriff's Association, and the Nebraska State Bar Association all like McGruff. So, I guess, if there are any questions, I'd like to answer them, and ask for the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the resolution. Oh, Senator Moore, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MOORE: I just want to help McGruff the Crime Dog (grrrrr) take a bite out of crime. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: All those in favor of the resolution, after that, please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. I suppose you want a point of personal privilege, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if I could have a point of personal privilege, I would like to, if they would let McGruff, now that we're done debating McGruff, if we could bring McGruff in and introduce McGruff and give him a big legislative welcome. There he is. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT: He fits in well with the basketball players. (Laughter.)

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Mr. President and members.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Isn't that a handsome pair leaving the body this morning. Thank you, Senator Moore, and thank you, McGruff. Good-bye. We'll move on to the confirmation report, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith, as Chair of the General Affairs Committee, would report on the appointments of Robert Duncan, Pauline Dye, Susan Renken and Ann Spence to the Nebraska Arts Council.

May 15, 1989

LB 303, 303A, 525, 812, 816, 816A  
LR 160, 211

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...Chamber and to this Monday morning in the last full week of the First Session of the 91st Legislature. Our opening prayer this morning by our own Harland Johnson.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 816 and recommend that same be placed on Select File, LB 816A and LB 525 all on Select File. Enrollment and Review also reports LB 303 and LB 303A as correctly Engrossed, Mr. President, all of those signed by Senator Lindsay as Enrollment and Review Chairperson. (See pages 2319-22 of the Legislative Journal.)

A communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communication regarding LB 812.)

Mr. President, a report from the Department of Roads regarding the statement of deposits to the Highway Cash Fund.

And, Mr. President, LR 160 is ready for your signature, and that is all that I have. (See page 2323 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 160. Mr. Clerk, to the legislative resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 211 was introduced by Senator Schmit. It is found on page 2249. (Read brief description.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I've introduced