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LB 137A, 162, 162A, 280, 305, 309, 309A  
310, 311, 444, 467, 727, 815  
LR 213

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I move we advance LB 280 to E & R for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. Enrollment and Review reports LB 162 as correctly engrossed; LB 162A correctly engrossed; LB 311, correctly engrossed, all signed by Senator Lindsay. (See page 2313 of the Legislative Journal.)

New A bill, LB 137A by Senator Warner. (Read by title for the first time. See page 2314 of the Legislative Journal.)

LB 309 is reported to Select File with E & R attached; LB 309A, likewise; LB 467, E & R attached; LB 727, Select File with E & R; LB 305, Select File; LB 310, Select File with E & R; LB 815, Select File. (See pages 2311-12 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 213, introduced by Senators Crosby, Ashford and Langford. (Read brief description of LR 213 as found on pages 2314-15 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We will move on to LB 444.

CLERK: Mr. President, 444, the first item I have are Enrollment and Review amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 444.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lindsay would move to amend.

in the State of Nebraska to have a statewide...or a countywide school district and that happened in the 1950s, and everything we've done with the state aid formula since then has hurt them, you know, since they did that. (Laugh) That's right. With that, I would simply ask the body to adopt this resolution honoring Banner County on their 100th birthday. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schimek, did you wish to discuss this? Senator Schimek, did you wish to talk? Your light is on. We're talking about Banner County's centennial. Would you like to contribute?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I would yield my time to Senator Chizek. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: He doesn't want it either. Senator Baack, did you wish to close?

SENATOR BAACK: Oh, no.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: Yield my time to Senator Lynch.

PRESIDENT: Senator who? Senator Lynch?

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I just thought it was unique. I know it's in Denny Baack's district, but Banner County is one of those counties that have no city sewer system, no city water system, and if you're a plumber you have unique interests in those sort of things, plus they have no bridges and I thought you all should know that as you vote for this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, would you like to close now?

SENATOR BAACK: No.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. President, please.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 115.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Resolution 213 please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 213, introduced by Senators Crosby, Ashford and Langford asking the Legislature to commend the efforts of geographic educators of Nebraska for initiating plans to strengthen and improve geographic education in Nebraska's elementary and secondary school programs.

PRESIDENT: Senator Crosby, are you handling this?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, I am.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I will just say quickly you do have a handout on your desk and it happens to be about Banner County again. We're really in to Banner County this morning, Dennis. A young man who won a national geography test and it's most unusual because geography has sort of gotten lost in the shuffle over the years and that's the reason for this particular resolution. The first question in that paragraph is what's the largest and smallest and only town in Banner County, Nebraska? How many of you know? You've already read it. Now Hyannis is not in Banner County. Harrisburg, David, go to the rear of the room. Well, at any rate, geography is very important. It's trade, it's people, it's culture, it's weather. The summer solstice is part of geography. When the sun is closest to the earth, that happens in January. Did you know that? That's part of geography. And so this...all we're asking in this resolution is for the Legislature to encourage this group of geographic educators to help them with their grant request to the National Geographic Society for planning money so that they can start working in Nebraska to enhance and encourage students to become more aware of geography and do better in geography because, with our...the world is getting smaller every day and geography becomes even more important in international trade. So by passing this resolution, what we will do is help these educators with their grant request. It will strengthen and enhance that request, so thank you very much for your vote.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, would you like to speak about Banner County?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Only to rise and strongly support not only Banner County but the purpose of this resolution and that is geographical awareness. As Senator Crosby has pointed out, that

has received a lot of attention lately and I am particularly pleased to see that Nebraska is going to pursue some of that National Geographic funding to promote what I think is perhaps as important a subject matter as a lot of other things that we currently stress today. The other point that I would simply like to make very quickly is, is I suspect that for this Legislature's purposes, one of the best things we could do is make sure all of us know Nebraska geography. I think that might solve a lot of the decision-making dilemmas that we face sometimes, and I would suggest that over the summer one of the more appropriate things we might do is proceed to strike from our vocabularies the use of outstate and, instead, actually learn where communities and regions are so that you can refer more specifically to those regions. And I think that would be...I think we use "outstate" because our grasp of Nebraska geography is a little fuzzy and it's easier to just to say Lincoln and Omaha and outstate. So I think that we could set a good example in this Legislature by adopting that practice and also supporting this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 213.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 214.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 214 offered by Senator McFarland would ask the Legislature to congratulate Mr. Ed Childress for his many years of fine service to the Education of Lincoln's youth.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a resolution that I have introduced to recognize Mr. Ed Childress who's been an industrial arts education teacher at the Lefler Junior High School here in Lincoln for the past 30 years. Lefler Junior High is a school that both my son and daughter attend, my son had attended, my daughter is now attending. Mr. Childress is a teacher at that school and I've known him and met him and he will be retiring and a reception will be held on May 25th for him. I would ask approval of this resolution in recognition of his 30 years of service to the education of our youth. Thank you.

May 24, 1989

LB 44, 44A, 49, 49A, 162, 162A, 247  
247A, 250, 250A, 277, 277A, 301, 308  
813, 814  
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221, 223

Mr. President, a series of veto messages. (Read. Re: LB 44, LB 44A, LB 162, LB 162A, LB 49, LB 49A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 247, LB 247A.) The last message, Mr. President. (Read. Re: LB 301, LB 308, LB 813, LB 814. See pages 2723-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, that completes the items that I have.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 115, LR 213, LR 214, LR 215, LR 217, LR 218, LR 220, LR 221. We will move on to number five, resolutions, Mr. Clerk, LR 223, please.

CLERK: LR 223 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee. It is found on page 2680 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature that pursuant to the provisions of Section 85-404 and LR 69 adopted by the Ninetieth Legislature to call for the issuance of bond anticipation notes and/or revenue bonds in the amount not to exceed \$4,925,000.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I know we are all busy, a beehive of activity this morning, but this first thing out of the shoot is of some significance. You may or may not want to listen. What this is is the approval for the bond financing of Phase III of the rec center construction. Those of you that were around in 1987 will remember at that point in time when we approved the indoor practice facility, that was the first of three phases of activity in the total hyperfitness area, whatever it was called, I forget. And Phase I and Phase II have already been...Phase I and Phase II have already been either built or in the process of being built and paid for, and the university is coming down...coming back with LR 223, and if you remember back, LR 69 two years ago, it basically said...we basically said we approve Phase I and Phase II and Phase III; if on the chance that when you go to Phase III, and Phase III is rebuilding of the coliseum, which I would like to explain a little bit, if we get to Phase III, it is the university's choice to use bond financing, and they must come back to the Legislature for our approval. That is, indeed, what has occurred. That is what LR 223 is talking about. It grants the authority for the university to bond up to \$4.9 million for the UN-L recreation/athletic facility. Now as you remember, the indoor practice facility, you all remember, Phase II of that