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LB 257, 272, 272A, 272, 813
LR 216

the question about the agenda tomorrow and while Rome continues to burn may I suggest to you that there is...that there is a motion on the agenda tomorrow to suspend the rules to permit consideration on Final Reading of bills having a fiscal impact of a million dollars or less. I want the body to think about it this evening, it is published in the Journal. I continue to suggest to you that you are in very deep water, very deep water. As of this morning we had about 30 hours of Final Reading stacked up. It is humanly impossible for our two Clerk's to handle the amount of Final Reading now backed up in the three days, the first three days of the week. We need to start getting the logjam unjammed. I would hope that you would give that some consideration. I have shared it with a member or two of the Appropriations Committee and I don't believe there is any particular problem in their minds. So that is the reason for the motion tomorrow. Also, because some of you continue to ask, I continue to suggest to you that 813 and 814 must move tonight along with four other bills that are unamended at the present time and can move very quickly. We presently have seven amendments remaining on 813, seven amendments remaining on 814. I told the governor's office early on that this Legislature would do everything in its power to get the budget bills to her by Friday evening. That would give the executive branch ample opportunity to consider vetoing, over the weekend, and use some great care and diligence. As announced earlier, it would give this body ample time then to give a lot of consideration to whether the vetoes would be sustained or overridden. At the present pace it appears we may not be able to hold our end of the bargain and then all bets are off. All bets are off, I guarantee you. Any questions? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Other than if anybody is interested in getting some pizza I would make a list and a... we will be here for a long time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Bully. Thank you Sir. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, the next amendment.

CLERK: If I may, right before that, a motion from the Speaker regarding rule suspension. Amendments to LB 272 by Senator Ashford. Senator Scofield has amendments to 257. New resolution LR 216. (Read brief description.) New A bill, Mr. President, 272A by Senator Landis, appropriate funds to implement LB 272.

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LB 84, 84A
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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: (Recorder not activated.) ...the George W. Norris Chamber. We have with us this morning as our Chaplain of the day, the Reverend William Deahl, with the Grace Methodist Church in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the invocation.

REVEREND WILLIAM DEAHL: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Deahl, we appreciate your being here this morning. Roll call please.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do you have any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, bills read on Final Reading last evening have been presented to the Governor. (Re: LB 84 and LB 84A. See page 2501 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT: All right, we will move on to Legislative Resolution, LR 216 by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I first want to say thank you to Senator Barrett for allowing me to introduce this this morning. We have a very special event coming up next Monday morning at Fort Robinson when the new Soldier Creek Wilderness Area will be dedicated. Obviously, I will not be there and of course we would all be more than welcome if we were able to go. But, the purpose of this resolution is simply to recognize and commend all the people who have had a part in bringing about the wilderness area designation for Soldier Creek. For those of you who have not been out there, the Soldier Creek Wilderness Area lies to the north and west of Fort Robinson Park. It is truly a nice addition to the state. It is the largest wilderness area in this state. In fact, we only have one other. So, I think it is fitting that since we are unable to attend what I think is probably one of the unique events, this spring anyway, to exhibit Nebraska's natural

resources, that we commend this event by resolution. So I would ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. All those in favor of the Scofield resolution vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. We will move on to Final Reading. If you will please take your seats. The Chair recognizes Speaker Barrett please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As we did yesterday, I think it is necessary to suspend the rules again in order to allow us to read these bills. So I would move that we suspend Rule 6, Section 7(b), and Rule 8, Section 5, to permit us to read these bills this morning. Move for the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: I have a question for the Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Is this limited to a million dollars?

SENATOR BARRETT: I beg your pardon?

SENATOR WARNER: Is there a rule suspension on the dollar amount on this, too?

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes. These are bills having a fiscal impact of less than one million dollars, for either of the two years.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, obviously, conceptually this was a dumb thing that I agreed to yesterday. Burned once, what's the cliché', Senator Chambers? Burned once is something, burned twice, shame on me, right? Well, I am going to assume, I guess, that as far as I'm...that to vote for it, but if we are going to...if we are going to run a bunch of others along with it, which I assume is what will happen, might as well throw the rule away.

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LB 95, 247, 247A, 250, 250A, 261, 261A
272A, 277, 277A, 280, 283, 303, 303A
312, 312A
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SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I move we recess for lunch until one-thirty.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 272A to Select File. Bills read on Final Reading have been presented to the Governor, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (Re: LB 95, LB 247, LB 247A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 261, LB 261A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 280, LB 283, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 312 and LB 312A. See page 2522 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the motion to recess until one-thirty. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, we are recessed.

RECESS

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 216. I would like to introduce some guests in the north balcony if I might. We have Carl and Iona Taylor of Lincoln, and Mrs. Taylor is a cousin of my wife. Would you folks please stand so we can welcome you. Treat them kindly and don't tell us about them and don't tell them about us. Thank you for visiting us today, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Clerk, before lunch, we were where?

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, we were, well, let me...may I read one item for the record, Mr. President, before I...

PRESIDENT: Yes, please.

CLERK: Senator, I have a new resolution, Mr. President, LR 219 offered by Senator Abboud. (Read brief explanation. See pages 2523-24 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over.