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LB 311, 355, 355A, 357, 357A, 362, 362A  
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LR 227

CLERK: Mr. President, items for the record. Your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor some of the bills read on Final Reading this afternoon. (Re: LB 311, LB 355, LB 355A, LB 357, LB 357A, LB 362, LB 362A, LB 377.) Explanation...I'm sorry, Mr. President. There will be a meeting of Building Maintenance Committee underneath the south balcony, south balcony. Senator Conway's side, south balcony, Building Maintenance Committee.

Mr. President, I have Transportation Confirmation Hearing reports signed by Senator Lamb. (See Standing Committee Report as found on page 2716 of the Legislative Journal.) I have a new resolution to be printed, be laid over, be considered by the Legislature tomorrow. (See LR 227 as found on pages 2716-17 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, your light is on. Did you wish recognition?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, Mr. President. At this point in time, I would like to take the opportunity of a point of personal privilege and point...

PRESIDENT: State your point.

SENATOR HALL: ...point out that Senator Chizek, throughout the year, has gone around pushing people's buttons and expecting them to stand up and not say anything about it. It's wrong, Senator Chizek. That's all I wanted to say.

PRESIDENT: I think you made your point. Senator Smith, did you want to.... Your light is on. Senator Lynch, you certainly want to talk.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, is this sine die now or is that tomorrow?

PRESIDENT: No, your light is on.

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, no, Mr. President and members, I would move we adjourn until eight o'clock on the morning of May 24th.

PRESIDENT: May I...may I...

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 227, please.

CLERK: LR 227, Mr. President, offered by Senators Scofield, Lowell Johnson and Lamb found on page 2716 commends the work of Mr. Tom Allan.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. For some time now I have thought that we should recognize in this Legislature a person who has done more, I think, to teach Nebraskans about Nebraska than perhaps anybody else I know, and I, of course, knew of Tom Allan long before I came into the Legislature, as I am sure you did, but I was I guess reminded of this over the weekend when I pulled an article out of the Omaha World-Herald where Tom Allan is talking about Nebraska roads and scenic spots and not too many days before that Tom Allan had been out making Senator Lamb famous with branding at the Paxton Ranch, which is just a couple of recent examples of the kinds of fine writing that Tom Allan has performed for this state with no formal recognition, although much informal appreciation by this Legislature. But it was my thought that it is time to say something formally to Tom Allan about the positive force that he is for this state. Not only does he teach us about ourselves and about the back roads and the small towns and the big towns and the people that live in Nebraska, and just the kind of state we are, but he has always done it in a very positive way, and in a way that that message can carry outside of the state that I think does this state proud. I think in a state often that is too often plagued with east-west divisions and rural-urban splits, there is probably no one out there whose writing has done any more to bring us together as a state than Tom Allan has. And so I think it is fitting that we pass this resolution to not only show him appreciation but encourage him to keep doing the wonderful job that he has done in this state. From what we can tell, he has worked for the World-Herald for 42 years and he has been doing the over-the-road kind of reporting that he does for 33 of those years. In fact, Betty Warner told me at one time that she thought Charles Kuralt was CBS's answer to Tom Allan, and I would agree with that. We owe a great debt to Tom Allan for what he does for the state, for our image of ourselves, for our understanding as a people, and I would urge you to adopt this amendment. I would ask that anyone interested add your name to the resolution, I think it would be

appropriate that we present that resolution to him at the Sine Die Party. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, this will be the second time this session that Senator Scofield and I have agreed on something and I think that, in itself, is a record and not to be taken lightly. But I want to say, also, I have known Tom Allan it seems like for most of my life and Tom is the kind of reporter who writes about the good things that people do. And I recognize, and I am going to say it here on the record once, because many years ago when Mrs. Warner was a reporter, I said to her, I said, Betty, why don't you say something nice about me sometime. And she smiled and she said, do something nice, and I remembered that, although I would guess that Betty probably doesn't think I have listened to her too well yet but it is a fact that Senator Warner and Mrs. Warner have contributed to many good things in this state, and they are also good friends of Tom Allan, and I think that they would agree that, having been around a long time, that Tom is a very positive force for the state and does more probably to bring east and west, north and south together than most of us or any of us in the Legislature, and, certainly, has served his adopted country and adopted state well, and for those of you who don't know, Tom is an original Scotsman and he brings his heritage to this country and serves it well, and his sense of humor is appreciated by all of us. And so I am certainly pleased to add my words of support to this resolution in support of Tom Allan and his efforts. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, and then Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. Chairman, colleagues, I want to thank Sandy for thinking to bring this resolution to the floor. Tom Allan says more to us about what we are than we actually know. Thank you, Sandy, for bringing the resolution and thank you, Tom Allan, for being such a great Nebraskan.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I also want to chime in my appreciation for Tom Allan and for the people that brought us this resolution. I don't see an urban senator's name on there,

so I wanted to stand up and tell you that I also have talked to Tom Allan, and, indeed, at one time one of my constituent's mother who lived out in a small town, was of an advanced age, and had a great deal of history of the State of Nebraska, and I suggested to him that he go out and talk to her, and he interviewed her and put her picture in the paper, for which she was very much amazed. But I think it also, that little vignette reminds us that the people in the big City of Omaha, you know, we have lots of ties with around the great State of Nebraska, and our family and our friends live in the western part of Nebraska, also, and we do care and we all share and should share in the history and the wonderful people that live across our state. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have not had the opportunity to know Mr. Allan as long as you have, but in the past three years, since my term in the Legislature, I have gotten to know he and Marilyn quite well, and I certainly support and encourage you to endorse this gesture that we can put forward that has been given...that we have been given the opportunity to vote on by Senator Scofield, and I want to thank her very much for that opportunity. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor...oh, Senator Scofield, did you wish to close?.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, if I could, I would like to ask unanimous consent to have all 49 senators names added to this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Any objection? If not, so ordered. Did you have any further closing, Senator Scofield? I didn't mean to overlook you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 227.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 228.

CLERK: LR 228, Mr. President, offered by Senator Korshoj congratulating the Oakland-Craig High School team who won the

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Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a communication from the Governor addressed to the Clerk. (Read communication re: LB 739, LB 739A. See page 2741 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LR 227 is ready for your signature. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, I move that we recess for lunch and return at one-thirty this afternoon, May 24.

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

RECESS

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

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

PRESIDENT: Anything for the record?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are we on Senator Schmit's motion?

CLERK: No, Mr. President, I don't believe so.

PRESIDENT: No?

CLERK: Think we're on Legislative Bill 813. Mr. President, I apologize. You're correct, we do have a motion on...by Senator Schmit on LB 813.

PRESIDENT: Okay, all is forgiven. First time you've been wrong this session. You have to wait till the last day. Is Senator Schmit here? Let's go on to the next one, please. Let's see, he has what, four in a row? Is Senator Wesely here? Are you prepared to go on your motion?