

February 7, 1989

LB 35, 166, 187A, 194, 353, 354A, 362A  
LR 26-28

in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, the bill is advanced.  
LB 166.

CLERK: I have E & R amendments to 166, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that the E & R amendments to LB 166 be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the amendments to 166 be adopted? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 166, as amended, be advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall LB 166, as amended, be advanced? All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, the bill is advanced. LB 353.

CLERK: LB 353, Senator, I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 353 be advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall LB 353 be advanced? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, the bill is advanced. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, new resolutions. (Read brief descriptions of LR 26-28 for the first time. See pages 632-34 of the Legislative Journal.) All three of those will be laid over, Mr. President.

New A bills. (Read LB 187A, LB 354A and LB 362A by title for the first time. See pages 634-35 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your Enrolling Clerk presented to the Governor, as of ten fifty-nine, bills read on Final Reading. (Re: LB 35,

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LB 33, 34, 567  
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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us today as our Chaplain of the day, Reverend Curtis Lehman of the Berean Fundamental Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Would you please stand for the morning prayer.

REVEREND CURTIS LEHMAN: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Pastor Lehman. We appreciate your being here this morning. Roll call, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: (Read corrections as found on page 642 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any messages, reports, or announcements.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have two communications from the Speaker. Pursuant to his authority, he refers LB 27, I am sorry, LR 27 and LR 28 to the Reference Committee for referral to the appropriate Standing Committee for a public hearing, Mr. President.

Mr. President, communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LB 33 and LB 34. See page 643 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the last item is a report from the Education Committee. Senator Withem would report LB 567 to General File. That is signed by Senator Withem as Chair. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Very good, thanks. Shall we move on to LR 26.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 26 is a resolution offered by Senator Morrissey. It is found on page 632 of the Journal. (Read brief explanation.) The resolution, Mr. President, is found on page 632 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. President and members, LR 26 is necessary for the Meriwether Lewis Foundation to buy the dredge, the Meriwether Lewis, from the State Historical Society. The Legislature must okay this sale. I would like to give you a brief history of the Meriwether Lewis. The Meriwether Lewis was built in 1932, one of four boats that were built to dredge and channelize the Missouri River between St. Joe and South Dakota. This work made available hundreds, thousands of acres of prime Missouri River bottom ground for farming. This also is the oldest part of the state, Brownville, and the river history there is very rich. The dredge is actually a workboat that went up and down the river. It didn't haul passengers. It is a wood-fired steam-driven paddleboat. It is no longer in operation. It is now in dry dock for museum operations. The museum was opened in 1977 under the State Historical Society. We had 10,000 visitors that year and we grew to 20,000. Because of budget cuts in 1986, the Historical Society was forced to close the museum's operation. Then in '87, the Meriwether Lewis Foundation was formed and took over operation and attendance is on the rise again, totaling 11,397 in 1988. Ten thousand visitors to this museum has a direct and indirect impact of bringing in \$350,000 per year. I would ask the passage of this resolution to okay the sale of the dredge to the nonprofit Meriwether Lewis Society so we can help promote the growing tourist industry in southeast Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the explanation of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. May I introduce a guest, please, of Senator Dennis Byars. Under the north balcony he has a student from Southeast Community College, Judy Dodge, who will be observing Senator Byars this morning. Judy, where are you? Oh, she is up in the north balcony. Excuse me. We suggest you watch him closely. We have been watching him up to now. Mr. Speaker, you have an announcement. Just a moment though. Could we please have your attention for the Speaker, please.

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LB 229, 230, 233, 251, 255  
LR 26

voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 229 passes. LB 230.

CLERK: (Read LB 230 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 230 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 662-63 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 230 passes. LB 233.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 233 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 233 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 663-64 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 46 ayes, 0 nays, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 233 passes. LB 251, please. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 26. Okay, now 251.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 251 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 251 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 664-65 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 251 passes. LB 255, please.