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LB 602, 855, 856-858, 874, 875, 891, 893
906, 907, 957, 964, 966, 984, 997
1013
LR 260

Holdrege, Nebraska. He is under the north balcony. Doctor, would you please stand up so we may see what you look like and welcome you to the body today. I guess he is in his office at the moment, so...while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 602 with the emergency clause attached, LB 856, LB 857, LB 858, LB 874 with the emergency clause attached, LB 875, LB 891, LB 893, LB 906, LB 907, LB 957, LB 964, LB 966, LB 984, LB 997 with the emergency clause attached and LB 1013. (See page 925 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. Clerk, anything for the record?

CLERK: One item, Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 260 offered by Senator Nelson and a number of members. (Read brief description of LR 260. See pages 925-26 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be referred to the Reference Committee, Mr. President. And that is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll move on to LB 855, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 855 was introduced by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3 of this year, referred to the Agriculture Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Johnson isn't here to present his bill and I'm proud to be able to present it for him. LB 855 is identical with the animal damage control bill that we passed through Final Reading and sent to the Governor last year and was a casualty in the funding crisis that we had sent to her desk. This particular program is one that is supported by the USDA Department of Agriculture, animal damage control people, that assist with funds to the state in controlling animals that are a nuisance and are predatory animals. Several western counties have been funding local programs in their counties independently of the state and receiving federal aid in their efforts. The livestock, sheep, poultry industry in the state are very interested in this bill. We heard it in Agriculture Committee January 23. We had nine different persons representing themselves and different agencies and units, such as the Nebraska Animal Damage Control Board of the USDA, Nebraska Farm Bureau, the Game and Parks Commission,