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LB 618A, 852, 872, 880A, 918, 924, 930  
940, 969, 970, 974, 1016-1018, 1070, 1076  
1098, 1109, 1118  
LR 265

CLERK: Mr. President, a communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communication. Re: LB 852, LB 872, LB 918, LB 924, LB 930, LB 940, LB 969, LB 970, LB 974, LB 1016, LB 1017, LB 1070, LB 1076, LB 1098, and LB 1118. See page 1127 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator McFarland has amendments to LB 1109 to be printed. (See page 1127 of the Legislative Journal.)

New resolution, LR 265. (Read for the first time. See page 1126 of the Legislative Journal.)

Two new A bills. (Read LB 618A and LB 880A by title for the first time. See page 1127 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

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

RECESS

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. So I understand it, we were on LB 1018, and discussing an amendment by Senator Chambers. And it says up here that Senator Abboud is the next speaker.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, I would move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? Senator Chambers, would you like to close? The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'd request a call of the house. We need to

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The issue before you is the passage of resolution LR 264. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. Never mind. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 14 nays, on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The resolution is adopted. LR 265.

CLERK: Mr. President, 265 introduced by Senator Chambers, congratulating the Omaha North High School Vikings wrestling team for having won the Class A, Senator, high school wrestling championship.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, these young men set a record in winning this state championship, they won several of them, but this year I'm particularly interested in them achieving some notoriety for what they have done. I would much rather see young men tossing bodies, grappling with bodies on a mat rather than making bodies or producing bodies on the street. So if those who engage in these worthwhile activities, especially in the context of a school setting, can be held up as role models and if it can be shown that they will be recognized when they do something worthwhile, it could be an encouragement to others to do something that is constructive. In addition to that, I've always admired wrestlers, not "wrasslers", but wrestlers because of the physical and mental conditioning that is required for the sport. I think it is the most strenuous, one of the most difficult because it requires individual determination, effort and ability. So I hope that you will vote for this resolution to congratulate the team and take note of the work done by the coach and the staff who produced such a record.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, there are no other lights on. Would you care to close? He waives closing. The issue before you is the advancement of LR 265. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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LB 42A, 220A  
LR 265

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 265.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: LR 265 is adopted. Moving on to item six, Mr. Clerk, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill on General File is LB 42A. It was introduced by Senator Schmit. (Read title.)

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Schmit, please, LB 42A.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: There are no other lights on, Senator Schmit, would you care to close? Senator Schmit waives closing. The issue before you is the advancement of LB 42A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 42A.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: LB 42A is advanced. LB 220A.

CLERK: 220A, Mr. President, offered by Senator Pirsch. (Read title.)

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Schmit's appeal worked so well, I think I'll try the same thing. I move that LB 220A be advanced.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: There are no further lights on. Senator Pirsch, would you care to close?

SENATOR PIRSCH: No, just move the bill.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Pirsch waives closing. The issue before you is the advancement of LB 220A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 220A.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: LB 220A is advanced. We'll be moving on to

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LB 1059  
LR 262-265

repeated occasions, have been found wanting by federal courts that say children have become prejudiced by the checkerboard financing effect in various states, Texas being among them, Tennessee being another. That in fact promises like that are not empty words, but are binding on Legislatures, and to the extent that Legislatures turn a deaf ear to the needs of students and to allow the variations of wealth to produce inferior educations for children, those Legislatures are not performing their constitutional obligations.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: We owe kids in this state a good public education, no matter where they come from, no matter how wealthy their parents are, no matter how wealthy their district is, that's our constitutional obligation. And 1059 seeks to replace a system which falls short, in my estimation, of that constitutional obligation. It says, first, that we should expand our notions of what wealth is, beyond just property and you and I know how skewed that system is. It says we add to that analysis local income, and we ask for the contributions of those whose wealth is in the form of income rather than property, and that's just. Beyond that point, 1059 says, listen, if you look at both property and income and your district is not well enough off, you're going to turn our backs on the old system of foundation aid that had no relationship to need, and we're going to take the state's portion of money and use it to equalize between the wealthy districts and the poor districts...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to meet that constitutional obligation. And that is my rationale to explain to unhappy and I'm sure dissatisfied constituents who will not be pleased to know that their total tax burden will go up probably beyond the measure of their property tax relief under this measure. But, for me, that's a sufficient justification, and I intend to vote for this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 265, LR 264, LR 263, and LR 262. Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss the advancement of the bill, followed by Senators McFarland, Elmer, Nelson and Hartnett.