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LB 226, 678, 799, 1031, 1059, 1063A, 1146
LR 269

have something for the record, please?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Amendments to be printed to LB 1146 by Senator Lynch; Senator Warner to LB 1059; Senator Lindsay to LB 799; Senator Wesely and Senator Lamb to LB 678; and Senator Smith to LB 1031. (See pages 1185-95 of the Legislative Journal.)

A new resolution, Mr. President. (Read brief summary of LR 269. See page 1184 of the Legislative Journal.)

New A bill, 1063A, by Senator Crosby. (Read LB 1063A by title for the first time. See page 1184 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to General File, LB 226.

CLERK: LB 226, Mr. President, was a bill introduced by Senator McFarland. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, Mr. President, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Education Committee amendments pending: (Standing Committee amendments appear on page 950 of the Journal for the Thirty-Eighth Day, First Session, 1989.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, please, for the committee amendments.

SENATOR WITHEM: Let me get this straight, we are still in session, is that correct? Is that what's going on here. Excuse me, I was tied up with the other bill, and let me do a little quick scattering. Yes, Senator Bernard-Stevens said I should just say they're technical in nature, please go ahead and support them. Okay, here we go, here we go. LB 226 is a bill brought to us by Senator McFarland dealing with a Unicameral Scholars Academy. Its purpose of it is to promote gifted students, give gifted students in our state a greater degree of enriched experience during the summer months. The committee amendments will require that teachers serve on the advisory committee, be certified in teaching the gifted, require the parent on the advisory committee to be the parent of a gifted student, changes the date for reappointment of advisory committee members from July 1 to October 1, deletes the provision that selection of students shall be based on

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson, you are next, but may I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony. They are guests of Senator Chizek, Senator Abboud and Senator Beyer and they are part of 160 seniors from the Civic classes at Millard South High School and four instructors. Would you teachers and students please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, naturally, am in support of the resolution. I can speak from hands on, as well as I know a number of the other senators here. When our boy went to Kearney a little over 10 years ago there were two and three boys to a dorm room. One was one bed on top of the other and the only way they had any privacy at all or anything to maybe to try to get to sleep at night, if they wanted to, was to hang a blanket up in front, down their bed and, honestly, of course, as a mother you almost fainted when you went into the room and it took a little while to recover from that shock, but just a very, very small room and 10, 12 years ago they were stacked up in that condition and I think that we can do better, and I do support this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? Senator Johnson, did you wish to close?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, only to thank those participating senators, Langford, Wesely, Kristensen and Nelson, for their remarks on this resolution, and I would merely move for the adoption of the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of the resolution, 266. Please vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 266.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 269.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 269 offered by Senator Korshoj, found on page 1184 of the Journal. (Read brief description of resolution.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Korshoj, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President and members, I see we're having a tough, tough time this morning on these hard resolutions, so I will start out by telling Senator Wesely, Senator Wesely, this resolution does not require any General Fund money, so I want to get some yes votes if I can out of you people. Well, this resolution is commending the Blair Bears girls high school basketball team who won the Class B state tournament for the second year in a row, and I guess it's like that financial institution that earns it, they beat the number three team, the number two team and the number one team, so they did earn it from the opening tip off of the final shot. Our Page up here, Becky Benson's sister played on last year's team. She's covering her face up, so she should be proud of that also, that her sister did leave some heritage there that they continued with. I'm very, very proud that they won this tournament two years in a row. And so if I have no questions, and I suppose I'll get a few, I want you to support the Blair Bears, the girls' team. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, just...this doesn't have any public money involved in it whatsoever? (laughter) All right, I'm available, I'm available. They did beat Pius X, though, didn't they?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Two years in a row, so it should tell you something about the quality of eastern Nebraska or greater Nebraska or rural Nebraska, \$100 worth.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, all right, just wanted to clarify.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Can I ask for your support?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, okay, all right.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thanks. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, could I ask Senator VonMinden, I mean Senator Korshoj a question?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: At your pleasure.

SENATOR LYNCH: Would you explain what you mean by opening tip-off of the final shot, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: In which....? (laughter)

SENATOR LYNCH: I withdraw the question.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 269.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Senator Korshoj, did you refer to Blair, Nebraska, as outstate? Did I hear that?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Greater Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Greater Nebraska.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: I gave it \$100 worth, outstate, rural and et cetera.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. A little bit ago I introduced some students from Millard High School civics classes and I think the rest of them have come in and we introduced you, but will those of you who were not here when I introduced you, would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you again.
LR 270.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 270 offered by Senator Peterson, found on page 1222 of the Journal congratulates the Battle Creek basketball team for winning the Class C-1 girls basketball championship.

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I rise to ask your support in commending the Battle Creek Bravette girls Class C-1 state champions. They have a set a record in winning five state championships over the last several years which is a record. They've had a 24-0 record this year and in an interview with their Coach Schnitzler which was kind of interesting, he said when he first started coaching the girls'

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers is announcing two guests under our south balcony, Robert Bishop and his wife, Donna, from Grant, Nebraska. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Welcome to the Legislature. Also, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 266, LR 269, LR 270, LR 272, and LR 273. Additional discussion on the amendments, Senators Bernard-Stevens, Hall and Langford. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I would like to just put maybe a little bit of my thinking, at least, on this particular amendment in perspective, if I can. If I understand the amendment right, and, Senator Warner, I'm not really asking a question, but if I don't, I hope that you will correct me on it. If I understand the amendment correctly, the body will still be, even if we agree with the amendment, Senator Warner's amendment to the amendment, we will still, at the end, vote on 239CA as an entire package. So we're not going to separate the two issues out on separate votes here in the body but we would separate it out on the constitutional side when the people vote on it on the constitutional amendment. And Senator Warner is shaking his head that I am correct on that particular portion. So, I guess, really in perspective what we're, in essence, discussing on the body today is not whether or not it will have an effect on the vote in the Legislature because we still will vote for it as a package even with this amendment, but will the student voting portion of 239CA have an effect on the overall passage of the bill, of the constitutional amendment, when it goes to a statewide vote if it would, obviously, pass muster from the Governor and from the Legislature? And if that...if that is, in fact, the issue, then I think members of the body simply need to ask themselves, is that the major focus of what 239...is that the major focus of the debate that will take place on 239 when we get it out among the public? And I think the answer to that is, obviously, no. The main focus is going to be, do we want to take away the state college board? Do we want to have an expanded super board? Do we want to have more power in other areas on some of the board of trustees? Do we want to make the changes that we need to do? That will be where the major discussion will take place. I guess my personal feeling is that if the only thing people have to argue about is whether the students have a right to vote or not, and that will, in fact, bring the bill down, I would