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LB 976, 1031, 1080, 1146  
LR 272, 273, 274

Senator Landis. That motion would be to indefinitely postpone. Senator Schmit, as primary introducer, has the option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is laid over. For the record.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. Mr. President, Senator Coordsen has amendments to LB 1031 to be printed; Senator Langford to LB 976. (See pages 1240-41 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolutions. LR 272 by Senator Abboud. (Read brief description as found on pages 1238-39 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over. Mr. President, LR 273 by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read brief description as found on page 1239 of the Legislative Journal.) And LR 274 by Senator Johnson. (Read brief description as found on pages 1239-40 of the Legislative Journal.) All three of those resolutions will be laid over, Mr. President. That's all that I have at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to LB 1080.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first order of business on LB 1080 are adoption...or consideration, I should say, of Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1080.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Senator Wesely. Seeing none, those in favor of the adoption of the E & R amendments, please say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it. Motion carried. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would move to amend the bill. Senator, I have your AM2800 before me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: On this first day of spring, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day, Pastor Jerry David, Church on the Rock, here in Lincoln. Pastor David.

PASTOR DAVID: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you very much, Pastor David, we're pleased to have your with us. Roll call.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, we've received a report from the Department of Roads, that will be on file in my office. An announcement from the Speaker that the committee chairpersons will meet tomorrow morning, at eight-fifteen, in Room 2102. Committee chairs in Room 2102, tomorrow morning at eight-fifteen.

Mr. President, I have a series of study resolutions. (Read LR 312-321. See pages 1452-61 of the Legislative Journal.) All of those will be referred to the Executive Board, Mr. President. And that's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding to LR 274, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 274 was a resolution introduced by Senator Rod Johnson. It's found on page 1239 of the Journal. (Read the resolution.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, it's my pleasure today, being a farmer myself and having the chance to Chair the Agriculture Committee, to recognize March 20th as Agriculture Day in this state and this country, and also this is Agriculture Week. In honoring this day we also would like to thank the

Department of Agriculture for providing to each of you a half bushel basket here that is loaded with a variety of Nebraska products that we believe signify the contributions that Nebraska farmers, ranchers and processors have provided to the State of Nebraska and the amount of food, abundant food that we can produce in this state. As the note in your basket will indicate, Nebraska or American farmers and ranchers provide food for 114 people, both 92 in the United States and 22 individuals overseas. So we're a pretty resilient lot, and we have been able to produce an awful lot of food for...and quality food, I might add, to the American consumer. And, as you will find in the basket that now I believe has been delivered to each one of your offices, we have a variety of products that are grown in this state and processed in this state. And I think almost all of the products in this basket come from processing right here in Nebraska. So it's my pleasure and honor to recognize the men and women who contribute to production agriculture, to processing of agricultural products, and recognize that they do a tremendous good for our society. And Nebraska's economy is not solely dependent upon agriculture, obviously, but it is largely dependent upon the success and failure of agriculture. It's a \$7 billion industry to Nebraska, and that's by far and away our number one industry. And we take time today, for a short period of time, to recognize the contributions that those folks have made in production agriculture and processing of agricultural products. And I want to thank the Department of Agriculture for bringing the resolution to me and the Agriculture Committee, and obviously for the large number of items in this basket that show what fine products are produced right here in Nebraska.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to support this amendment and commend Senator Johnson for his forethought in introducing it. While Senator Johnson was presenting this resolution I was reminded of a conversation that I had in Kempo (phonetic) Airport in Seoul, Korea a few years ago with a Korean gentleman who was involved in the food production system in that particular country. And it was interesting in context that we spend one day out of 365 here honoring our domestic food production system. Our conversation revolved around why it was that the Asian rim countries were so fiercely protective of their family farmers, their domestic food

production system. And it was this gentleman's opinion that it was basically religious, historical in nature in that all of the religions in that part of the world were based upon the Earth and the things that came from the Earth, and the things that controlled what happened on the Earth. And in doing that, he said, that in that part of the world, in Asia in general, from...irrespective of country borders, that there was a caste system that had developed in which the highest, the most regarded people were the intellectuals, the priests, the teachers in the schools. The next of their five castes that they had were the farmers because they worked with nature and did those things that were regarded to be at least semireligious. And, besides, he said, they feed us all. Below those were the artisans, the masons, the writers, people with professional talents. The fourth caste were the business people, because, he said, after all they only work with money. And the fourth (sic), as is typical all over the world irregardless of society, were those folks that actually did the work, the laborers. I think that gives a little bit of an indication of how it is in other parts of the world, and why it's essential today that we at least spend a few hours in commemorating those people who put the food on our table. I would urge your adoption of this resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I just wanted to stand to affirm my position on the resolution and to remind you that along with the agricultural production in this state we need to remember the animal part of it. We are, I think, the second leading producer of beef calves in the nation, statewide. We raise close to 2 million beef calves per year, that many are born. It becomes almost frightening when we look at the fact that only 2 percent of our population today is on the farm, where when the nation was founded it was closer to 98 percent. We have, I think, out there still a great frontier, and many of the people involved with agriculture in rural Nebraska today are really frontiersmen, and they have to be very adept at a number of things, including mechanics, agronomy, they have to understand a certain amount of veterinary medicine, they have to be almost attorneys, at times, to handle the situations that come up on their farms and ranches. I think there's a real challenge out there for those who are still involved with agriculture. And I would just like to echo my support for the resolution. Thank you.

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LB 1059  
LR 274

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion on the adoption of LR 274. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also rise to support Senator Johnson on this resolution. It seems like a lot of the legislation that we passed in this body was for large industry or the large cities. And I think that any time we can do anything for agriculture we should do it. I want to just thank Senator Johnson for bringing us this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Johnson, would you like to close.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Briefly, again, I want to thank the Department of Agriculture, George Beattie, Stan Garbacz and others who put together this basket of Nebraska products for us to consume here in the next few weeks, probably, because there is a lot in this particular basket that are going to take a while for us to eat. But we want to make sure that they know how much we appreciate the work that they do at the Department of Agriculture. And, again, we honor the men and women who contribute so much to so many in our state, in our country and around the world by providing us with an abundant supply of clean, safe food to consume. And I think we should recognize the contributions that those individuals make to our society and to our economy. So I would ask for the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the adoption of LR 274. All in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the adoption of the resolution. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 274.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The resolution is adopted. The Chair is pleased to note that our doctor of the day is with us again this morning. He was with us last week, I believe. Dr. Mike Adams, formerly of Spencer, Nebraska, that would be Senator Dierks' district, now of Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr. Mike Adams, would you please stand and be recognized. We're pleased to have you back with us again today, Doctor. Mr. Clerk, to Select File, LB 1059.

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LB 866, 1059  
LR 274, 331-342

Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Withem has amendments to be printed to LB 866. (See pages 1474-76 of the Legislative Journal.)

Study resolutions. LR 331-342, all will be referred to the Executive Board. (See pages 1476-85 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 34 (sic). (Journal page 1485 shows LR 274.) Mr. Speaker, did you wish to...Senator Barrett, do you wish to say something about recessing?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. President, I move we recess until one-thirty.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. We are recessed until one-thirty.

RECESS

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: May I announce that there are students, I believe they are leaving now from the south balcony, from the St. Agnes Catholic School in Omaha and they are 27 third, fourth, seventh and eighth graders and they are guests of Senator Labeledz, so it is nice to have had you. Sorry we didn't get started sooner. We also have guests of Senator Beck in the south balcony. We have 52 students from the Holy Name School in Omaha, and would you folks please stand up and be recognized. Thanks to both groups for visiting us today. Mr. Clerk. (LB 1059.)

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment that I have is from Senator Hall and it's an amendment that appears on 1179, but, Senator Hall, I understand you want to substitute AM2949.

PRESIDENT: Is that correct, Senator Hall? Is there any objection to the substitution of one motion for another by