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919, 983, 1019, 1031, 1044, 1086, 1090
1105, 1119, 1165, 1167, 1183, 1216, 1217
1228
LR 275, 276

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Hefner, what do you think?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I move for the advancement of LB 571.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB...we are going to skip 1019, I understand. That takes us up to General File. Items for the record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a number of items for the record. The first is I have an explanation of vote from Senator Haberman. For bills read on Final Reading this morning, bills read on Final Reading this morning, Mr. President, have been presented to the Governor as of 11:12 a.m. (Re: LB 1044, LB 844, LB 853, LB 903, LB 919, LB 983, LB 1086, LB 1105, LB 1119, LB 1165, LB 1167, LB 1183, LB 1216, LB 1217, LB 1228. See page 1273 of the Legislative Journal.)

New resolutions, LR 275 by Senator Wehrbein. (Read brief explanation.) LR 276 by Speaker Barrett, Senators Withem, Coordsen, Labedz, Warner, Hall. (Read brief explanation.) That will be laid over as well. (See pages 1273-75 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have a report of registered lobbyists for this week, Mr. President, required by statute. Amendments to be printed to LB 1090 by Senator McFarland, LB 1019; LB 551 by Senator Lynch; LB 1031 by Senator Baack and others, and, Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined engrossed LB 369 and find the same correctly engrossed. That is signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair of the E & R Committee. That is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1275-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will go on to General File and LB 642, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 642 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Ashford, along with Senators Weihing, Crosby, and Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was introduced, Mr. President, last year. It was referred to Judiciary,

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the 44th working day in the Second Session of the 91st Legislature. Will you please stand for the prayer, today offered by our chaplain of the day, Father Jim Fitzgerald, pastor of St. Philip Neri in Omaha, Senator Lynch's district. Father Fitzgerald.

FATHER FITZGERALD: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Father Fitzgerald, we're glad to have you back with us again today. Roll call.

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

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: You're doing a good job.

CLERK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, just one, and that is the report from the Greater Omaha Area Job Training Partnership, and that will be on file in my office. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Shall we move on to the resolutions, please. LR 276.

CLERK: Mr. President, 276, introduced by Speaker Barrett, found on page 1273 of the Journal. (Gave brief summary of resolution.)

PRESIDENT: Speaker Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As you all know, for the past three years over 2,000 Nebraskans have been involved in developing and articulating a vision for Nebraska, through the New Horizons process. We haven't given formal recognition to their efforts in terms of the big picture,

I guess, up to this point. The fruits of their labor are expressed in the Statement of Vision that all of you have received copies of. If you haven't had an opportunity to review that Statement of Vision recently, I would urge that you do so. LR 276 is intended, at least in part, to provide some kind of a formal legislative action on those broader aspects of New Horizons. So, it's my sincere desire, Mr. President and members, that the work of elaborating the vision for Nebraska's future and the broad strategies which are necessary to reach that vision continue for many, many years to come. This process has not gone unrecognized or unnoticed outside our borders. We have been very innovative in Nebraska in this process. New Horizons was recently presented with the 1990 Innovations Award by the Council of State Governments, one of eight projects in the United States to receive such recognition. Several states are now initiating and copying Nebraska, they are initiating and actually pursuing several similar projects, using New Horizons, incidentally, as a model. So, the resolution directs the Research Division of our Legislature to work with an increasingly broad number of citizens during the interim to refine and test the Vision Statement and some of the strategies, and then to report back to the Legislature, no later than December 1, 1990. I anticipate that the updated report probably would be much like a state for all ages. However, having said that, Mr. President, I would urge the body to adopt the resolution at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Just very briefly stand in support of the resolution that Senator Barrett is bringing to us today. One of the things that tends to be lacking in a legislative body, in the midst of all of our daily frustrations of dealing with getting amendments adopted, legislation passed, votes counted, lobbyists dealt with, is a sense of where we're going in the long-run. And I think, if anything, that the New Horizons project has offered that to our Legislature by identifying some concerns that people have in the state, and moving us in a direction of addressing some of those. The other thing I guess maybe the New Horizons project has talked about somewhat is that process, in many ways, is as important as the ultimate project, and that not every problem that is out there necessarily has an LB attached to it that is the ultimate solution to it. For instance, the ability of the Nebraska citizens to communicate with their Legislature probably won't be impacted by any bill we

pass here in the Legislature; it will be impacted by our willingness, as a body, to do things like the televised hearings, the two-way hookups for hearing people...allowing people to testify on bills from their own homes, those types of things. I think the process has been and continues to be a very valuable one for us as a Legislature, and we maybe, as individual legislators, ought to be paying a little more attention to it on an ongoing basis, particularly, I guess, the fact that my priority bill, LR 239CA, is somewhat a product of New Horizons, I may have a little bit of a bias there. But I think it's been an excellent project, and I thank Senator Barrett for bringing this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, did you wish to close?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. Because of the rapidly changing and increasingly complex world that we're living in, I think that this is particularly important at this time, this process I'm speaking of. I think it's important for the body to know, I've said it before, I say it again, that this is not Bill Barrett's project. This is a process of this Legislature, one of the three branches of government. It's a process by which we can sit back and take a long look at where we're going in the next few years. So, I would particularly appreciate your support of the resolution, and also I would remind the body that we have scheduled New Horizons for tomorrow, here in this Chamber at nine o'clock, sharp. There will be over 100 students in attendance, as well as members of the New Horizons Forum on the Future. We will have task force chairs from Nebraska Future's, Inc. We will have board members from the Nebraska Humanities Council, and probably many students. So, I would urge every member of this legislative body to be here at nine o'clock tomorrow and participate in New Horizons. I think the program, again, will be terribly enlightening. And, again, I strongly encourage the body to be here. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. Thank you, Senator Barrett. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 276.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 278, please.

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LB 1031
LR 276, 278, 283-284

pages 1325-27 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, would you recess us until one-thirty, please?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd move that this Legislature recess until one-thirty.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. We are recessed until one-thirty. Thank you.

RECESS

SENATOR LOWELL JOHNSON PRESIDING

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Roll call for the one-thirty session this afternoon, please.

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

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 276 and LR 278. (See pages 1328-29 of the Legislative Journal.) Any items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, two new resolutions. (Read brief descriptions of LRs 283-284. See pages 1329-30 of the Legislative Journal.) Both of those will be laid over, Mr. President. That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT: Move on to LB 1031.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1031 was discussed yesterday. At that time the committee amendments were offered. I have pending, Mr. President, when the Legislature adjourned an amendment by Senator Coordsen.

PRESIDENT: Senator Coordsen, please, on your amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, I believe we're picking up where we left off at five