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would see it in that manner. So, for that reason, I would agree. I hope you suspend the rules and require that a hearing not be held. And maybe this matter can be considered next year in the Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anyone else care to speak to the motion? If not, Senator Baack, anything else? Thank you. The question is the suspension of the rules. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to suspend the notice of hearing rule and cancel the public hearing on LR 258.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion prevails, rules are suspended. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, have you something for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, items for the record. A new resolution, LR 278, asking that the Legislature congratulate Ronald Roskens for his selection to head Service Director of the Agency for International Development. That will be laid over. (See page 1302 of the Legislative Journal.)

Education/Appropriations gives notice of public hearing. Amendments to be printed to LB 1059 by Senator Hall and Senator Smith; Senator Haberman to LB 953 and to LB 642; and Senator Crosby to LB 1141. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1303-05 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We have a priority motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland would move to recess until 1:30 p.m. this afternoon.

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

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Record, Mr. Clerk.

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.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 278, introduced by Senator Hefner and a number of the members. (Gave brief summary of resolution.) Mr. President, the resolution may be found on page 1302. Senator, you want to take up your amendment at this time?

SENATOR HEFNER: Why don't I explain the amendment first...

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...or the resolution. Mr. President and members of the body, this resolution is to recognize and to honor Dr. Roskens for serving as President of the University of Nebraska for 12 years with high distinction and dedication. Before this time, Dr. Roskens served as Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. It was at UNO that Dr. Roskens showed good leadership and hard work in improving UNO as it changed from a city university to becoming part of the University of Nebraska. During Dr. Roskens tenure as President of the University of Nebraska, UNL benefitted, the med center benefitted, UNO benefitted, as well as all of the citizens in Nebraska. This resolution also recognizes Dr. Roskens' wife, Lois. She served on the Nebraska Arts Council and has assisted in many community service projects. I believe just recently she served as Chairman of Celebrate Nebraska promotion. Recently, Dr. Roskens was appointed, by President Bush, to serve as Director of the Agency for International Development. This appointment now has been confirmed by our U.S. Congress, unanimously. I feel that Dr. Roskens is highly qualified for this position of leadership and will represent our nation efforts to help other countries in the world. His expertise in foreign relationships is very great. I am grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Roskens and proud of them for their contributions to our state. Their record of service will always be considered important to Nebraska's history. I congratulate Dr. Roskens and his appointment and wish him the best in that position.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to amend the resolution. (Hefner amendment appears on page 1323 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, in the first "Whereas" we would like to strike "at Lincoln". It says, "Whereas, Dr. Ronald W. Roskens served as President of the

University of Nebraska at Lincoln for 12 years with highest distinction and dedication", and the words "at Lincoln" should be because University of Nebraska is part of...or is part of Lincoln, UNO and the med center, so we should be striking "at Lincoln". I would urge you to vote for this amendment. Sorry about that.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any discussion on the amendment? If not, the question is the adoption of the Hefner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please. We need 25, excuse me. Don't record yet. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hefner's amendment to the resolution.

PRESIDENT: It is adopted. Now, on the adoption of the resolution. Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to thank Senator Hefner for providing us with this resolution honoring a man who has contributed so much to our higher education in Nebraska, and who has earned the respect and admiration of many in this body. For the past 12 years, Dr. Ronald Roskens, as President of the University of Nebraska, was an effective administrator of this state's university system. His stewardship over the policies and programs greatly added to the prestige and quality of the University of Nebraska system. Nebraska is proud that Dr. Roskens will be administering the Agency for International Development. We are pleased that he will be joining the company of other notable Nebraskans such as Clayton Yeutter, Skip Hove and others serving in important posts in Washington. I gladly join Senator Hefner this morning in recognizing the dedicated service the Roskenses have given to our university system and to the State of Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: I would just like to join Senator Hefner and Senator Lowell Johnson in commending Dr. Roskens. You know, given the facts and what has transpired in the last six to seven months in this state, I think it's high time that the Legislature and the state, you know, recognize Dr. Roskens for what he has done with his new appointment, as well as what he

has done for the more than a decade that he was head of the university system. He did some great things for the university and the University of Nebraska, made some great strides through, albeit, some very difficult times. And I, myself, think it's been extremely unfortunate some of the criticism that has been laid upon Dr. Roskens and his job during his...particularly I was...obviously would share some of the opinions of others in the body, did not like the method in which Dr. Roskens was terminated at the university. But, nevertheless, Dr. Roskens, by his appointment, now his approval, has done truly great things for Nebraska to get this sort of appointment. I think it's high time the Legislature say publicly, Dr. Roskens, you're okay, you're all right, and I think it's...I guess I would wish the state, as a whole, would say, forget about what happened last summer, we know you did some good things for the university and we know you have a great appointment that will truly bring some good publicity to the State of Nebraska. And so my...I want to join Senator Hefner and Senator Lowell Johnson in tipping my hat to Dr. Roskens.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, join the various senators who have signed on to this resolution in commending Dr. Roskens. Ron Roskens is a close, personal friend and certainly is a state treasure, although our board of regents, this past summer, saw fit to not keep him as a state treasure and he has now been turned loose to become a national treasure. And I think the President of the United States and, certainly, Congress has recognized Ronald Roskens' value to all of the country. It is only my displeasure that he was terminated last summer. There is nothing we can do about that at this time, but Ron Roskens deserves every bit of our congratulations and thanks for his service to this state and I would like to publicly wish him good luck and commend him for his service, not only to this state, but now for his country. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you like to close on your resolution?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I think I said that all that is needed to be said. I certainly believe that Dr. Roskens has done a terrific job for Nebraska and it is only right and proper that we recognize him and honor him

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publicly, and this is why I introduced this resolution. If any of you other senators would care to co-sponsor this with me, I'd certainly appreciate it. I know a number of you have signed onto it, and with that, Mr. President, that is my close. Thank you.

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

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 278.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Anything for the record at this time, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, we'll move on to General File then.
LB 551A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 551A is on General File. It is a bill introduced by Senator Lynch. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, the fiscal note....First of all, I guess I should mention that at the present time medical laboratories are not certified. I would hope and assume that they are, of course, safe for all of us. But in a state where we certify with a Health Department investigation restaurant operations and other kinds of similar health related operations that we don't, in fact, do the same thing for medical laboratories. I also want to tell you right at the outset that I have some serious concerns about the cost, as we've all discussed in some cases with A bills. But, nevertheless, I offer you this today and a promise that before we get to Select File we have to do some work to understand these costs. And I need an explanation from the Health Department, which I apologize I don't have this morning, to better understand these costs. But the A bill provides for General Funds of \$98,000 at \$50 a piece, and for 1990 and '91. But it also indicates General Fund costs for '91-92 of \$682,000. But the General Fund revenues, at that point in time because of fees that would be collected from the labs, would be \$83,100. I do have to get some better explanation on those costs. And

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SENATOR WITHEM: If for no other reason, we need this particular bill for that particular reason. I would urge you to advance LR 239CA.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: A call of the house and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator McFarland. Senator McFarland has asked for a call of the house and a roll call vote. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Would you please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber so that we may continue. Roll call vote has been requested. Looking for Senator Haberman, Senator Labedz, Senator Jacky Smith, Senator Chambers, Senator Lynch, Senator Morrissey. We are still looking for Senator Lynch. Senator Lynch is here and the question is the advancement of the bill. Will you please listen quietly so that the Clerk may hear your response. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1324-25 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Do you have anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. I have amendments to be printed by Senator Chambers to LB 1031. (See page 1325 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

CLERK: Senator Landis to LB 1136. New resolutions, LR 281 by Senator Baack. (Read brief explanation.) LR 282 by Senator Lynch and Wesely. (Read brief explanation.) I have an explanation of vote by Senator Haberman, and a series of adds to LR 278, Mr. President. That is all that I have. (See

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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.

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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