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LB 81, 579, 830, 831, 863, 888, 905A
917, 922, 932, 938, 954, 956, 978
987, 987A, 1022, 1031, 1037, 1050, 1067
1077, 1102, 1178, 1199
LR 279

communication regarding signing of LB 1022, LB 81, LB 956, LB 1050, LB 863, LB 922, LB 1199, LB 579, LB 830, LB 831, LB 888, LB 917, LB 932, LB 938, LB 954, LB 978, LB 987, LB 987A, LB 1037, LB 1067, LB 1077, LB 1102, and LB 1178. See page 1306 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new A bill, LB 905A by Senators Johnson, Dennis Byars and Scofield. (Read by title for the first time. See page 1307 of the Legislative Journal.)

Notice of cancellation of hearing by the Government Committee.

New resolution by Senator Robak. That will be laid over. (LR 279 appears on page 1307 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I now have a series of amendments to both the committee amendments and the bill. The first amendment to the committee amendments that I have is by Senator Smith. Senator Smith's amendment is found on page 1195 of the Journal, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, you have a very simple amendment before you, AM2659, in the Journal. It's simply asking, and I do want to, I guess, begin by thanking the Appropriations Committee for the recommendation that they have made for a \$212,000 increase to programs, which are being provided under the Community Aging Services Act, commonly known as CASA. This amount though is about a seventh of the amount of money that was originally requested and we can go back in history a little bit, and you have been handed a fact sheet on CASA which is...you will see it appears to be a little thing with a little State of Nebraska and the breakdown of the eight area agencies in the state, which was handed out by the Nebraska Association of Area Agencies on Aging, telling you all about what CASA is, the historic information about CASA, what the problem is, and so on. And you will recall that the Community Aging Services Act was enacted by the Legislature in 1982. It was intended to provide comprehensive aging service programs throughout Nebraska by 1984. At that time, the cost to the state was supposed to be a little over \$2.5 million. Well, we all know that, as many times as I have talked about this, the money was not funded, it was partially funded, and what even

means no irrigation water, no fish in the lake, no water in the lake, the inability to run the Gerald Gentleman Power Generation Station, no water in the river, no water in Lake McConaughy, no water in Jeffrey Lake, Maloney Lake, Johnson Lake, Elwood Lake, or any of the systems. The irrigation projects that depend on it in Lincoln, Keith, Dawson, Gosper, Kearney, Buffalo, Adams Counties will be dryland. Of course, recognizing if it doesn't rain or snow, which the trends are, it is a very serious situation for the agriculture and power generation in Nebraska. People need to stand up and show what the adverse effects are to some of the proposals that are brought forth by experts from outside our state and the consequences of what they propose. I'd appreciate your full support. This is certainly not a frivolous revolution, resolution, excuse me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I ask your support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Those in favor of adoption of LR 289 please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 289.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 289 is adopted. Reverting back, Mr. Clerk, to LR 279.

CLERK: LR 279, Mr. President, by Senator Robak congratulates the Humphrey St. Francis boys' basketball team for winning the Class D-1 championship.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Robak, please.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, this will be very brief. District 22 did have six teams in the state basketball tournaments, three in the girls' basketball tournaments and three in the boys', however, only one emerged a victor and that was Humphrey St. Francis. They had a record of 25-0. This was their third state championship and the first since 1943. I'd like to honor the team, the players, the coach and all the residents in the community that supported the team, and I just ask the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion on the adoption of the amendment? If not, those in favor of its adoption please vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 279.

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LR 279

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 279 is adopted. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, just one, I have a reference report referring certain gubernatorial appointments to the appropriate Standing Committee for confirmation hearing. That is signed by Senator Labedz as Chair. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to note that Senator Johnson has 40 seventh graders in our south balcony from Sandy Creek, Nebraska, and their teachers. Would you folks please rise and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. Welcome to the Unicameral. Mr. Clerk, proceeding to General File, appropriations bills, LB 1031.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1031 is, of course, the deficit appropriations bill, has been discussed the previous two days. Committee amendments were adopted yesterday, Mr. President. I now have pending an amendment to the bill offered by Senator Baack and a number of the members. The amendment is found on page 1281 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this amendment to 1031 is in response to some action that we took in the Legislature, oh, a little...not quite a year ago on the final day of the session when we, as a body, overrode the Governor's veto of some dollars out of the budget. She had vetoed some dollars out of the Lincoln Medical Education Foundation Family Residency Program and in the Legislature we then overrode that veto and it was an override...I think there were \$386,000 in there for this year and approximately \$395,000 for next year. We overrode that veto. We subsequently sent a letter to the Attorney General asking him whether or not we could override only a portion of the Governor's veto over a portion of the university's budget. The answer came down, no, we could not, we could not do that. So we had to either override all of the veto for the university budget or let it all, all of the veto stand. So, at that point, I committed myself to then putting, to put in a deficit appropriation this year. The Lincoln Medical Center agreed to go ahead and continue funding of this program as long as I would put in a deficit appropriation this year. That's

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LB 989A, 1031

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(Read brief description. See pages 1383-84 of the Legislative Journal.) LR 298 by Speaker Barrett, signed by other members, calls for an interim study, Madam President. (See page 1384 of the Legislative Journal.)

Hearing by Health and Human Services for certain gubernatorial appointments. (See page 1835 of the Legislative Journal.)

Confirmation reports offered by the Natural Resources Committee. (See page 1385 of the Legislative Journal.)

And new A bill, LB 989A, offered by Senator Wesely. (Read by title for the first time. See pages 1385-86 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Conway, would you like to recess us for lunch until one-thirty this afternoon.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, Madam Chairman, I move that we recess until one-thirty this afternoon.

SENATOR LABEDZ: All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. We are recessed until one-thirty this afternoon.

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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any matters for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, just that certain resolutions passed by the Legislature this morning are now ready for your signature. That is all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 279, LR 285, LR 284, LR 283, and LR 289. Also, the Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Korshoj has some guests under our south balcony, Elma Thelma Thomas and Kay Bursheim, of the Nebraska Indian Community College at Winnebago. Stand and take a bow. Thank you very much. We are glad to have