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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

Nebraska. So I would urge you to adopt this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the adoption of LR 281 please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 281.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 281 is adopted. LR 283.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 283 was introduced by Senators Hall, Chizek and Labedz. It congratulates the Omaha South High School students on their outstanding academic achievement in the Academic Decathlon. The resolution is found on page 1329, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, this is one of maybe five resolutions that I have introduced in six years. The resolution deals with the students of South High who have done an outstanding job in the Academic Decathlon which is a national event that in the State of Nebraska it's the only state in the nation that does it strictly on volunteer help. They put this on for schools. It started only in the Omaha area a few years ago. It has branched out across the state. And the sponsoring group, those volunteers that have handled this, has been the Optimist Clubs of the State of Nebraska. The Omaha South team won their statewide competition. They're going to go on to the regional competition and they are a group of students who have just done a remarkable job with regard to their efforts and their expertise in the different areas that they're questioned on in this Academic Decathlon. You really...if you get the chance in your own areas to watch one of these or listen to the teams from your local areas, you would be highly surprised and impressed by the quality and the intelligence of these students. With that, I would also like to just put a plug in for the Optimists group who have sponsored these. Dr. Anstey from UN-O has done an outstanding job coordinating not only the kids and the program itself but the Optimists Clubs who have volunteered their time and effort to make this Decathlon a very successful event across the state. With that, I would also like to recognize that there are, I think, three members of this body who happen to be alums from Omaha South, Senator Labedz, Senator

Chizek and Senator Hartnett, and I think their lights are on.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise to support LR 283 and in the interest of time I will also say that I strongly support LR 284. As an alumni of South High School, I can realize the excitement because many of the people that graduated from South High School with me are still living in South Omaha and we're very proud of South High, not only in their 1990 Academic Decathlon championship, and they will represent Nebraska in the national finals and we're very proud of that. I almost am as equally as proud to tell you that I graduated from South High School 53 years ago this year and that's almost a lifetime for some people but it is 53 years and I want you to know that we are so proud of South High School that we don't just celebrate it at 25 years and 50 years, we have a reunion every single year and am very proud to say that I did graduate from South and I am so proud of the teams, both in the decathlon and the basketball team. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I, too, rise to comment on the resolution. As Senator Hall said, I'm an alumnus of South High, graduated in 1954. In fact, the last time South High won the championship was 1960 which was six years after I graduated. I didn't realize Senator Labedz had graduated that long ago. I didn't know they had that (laughter)...with that, I urge your adoption of the amendment, Mr. Speaker. Discretion is a better part of valor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Hartnett, further discussion.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the records (sic), I want to correct the records. Senator Hall said three of us graduated from Omaha South. I did not graduate from Omaha South but Omaha South students come from my legislative district and so I just also want to rise to congratulate Omaha South for their achievement, both academically and/or athletically.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there further discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of the resolution, please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 283 is adopted. LR 284.

CLERK: LR 284, Mr. President, is offered by Senators Hall, Chizek and Labedz; congratulates Omaha South High School basketball team for Class A Boys State Basketball Championship and the fans and the students for being excellent representatives of their city.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, I would urge the adoption. It's no mistake that these resolutions were placed up in that order. I do believe that the kids that did an outstanding job in the academic decathlon really represent their school in what we try to provide in the way of education. But I also think that we need to recognize the athletic accomplishments of students who have taken the time to participate in the extracurricular activities and South High just has an outstanding team this year. It has been 30 years since they have won the state championship, in 1960. Let's hope they're back there again next year. I don't mind introducing this resolution though either. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, discussion on the resolution, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I guess you'll notice a glaring absence on the sheet. Falls City Sacred Heart boys' basketball team is not there and I appreciate the time and effort you folks put in on giving congratulations to your local teams and I realize, when it doesn't happen very often, it's a pretty big deal. I took the Speaker's request to heart last year and offered the Falls City Sacred Heart basketball team a certificate of congratulations from the Legislature to try and save time in conducting our business on the floor here. Of course, I guess when you do it three years in a row, like Falls City Sacred Heart has done, maybe they're running out of room for certificates down there and I guess, of course, they also won the boys' state football title this year, so I appreciate you folks that it's a once in a lifetime, possibly, opportunity to do this to take the time and I do

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LB 989A, 1031

LR 279, 283, 284, 285, 289, 298

(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.

RECESS

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