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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

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 Labeledz; 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

appreciate the Speaker's request to not take up our time on the floor with resolutions such as these, so I won't take any time congratulating Falls City Sacred Heart on their third straight boys' basketball title and also an accompanying football title this year and I guess I would support the resolution for Omaha South and congratulate those kids in both the sports and academic endeavors. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, the resolution deals with Omaha South and Omaha South in the championship game defeated Lincoln Northeast. Lincoln Northeast is my alma mater, where I graduated, and it is situated in my district. It's a school I'm very proud of and I just would like to rise in praise of those that did not win championships. I can understand Senator Morrissey's pride in the school he represents and their success and Senator Hall is absolutely in order to praise Omaha South. They had an excellent team. But as we take the time, and I think we should take the time to praise excellence, whether it be in sports or academics or in any field, I think that's worthy of this Legislature to do that. I think we should also recognize excellence in those that may fall just slightly short of achieving all that they would like to achieve. The Lincoln Northeast team did not win the championship, but they came awfully close and I think there are many other teams that were in the tournament games in all classes, that all strived for excellence and achieved excellence, but merely fell slightly short of the excellence of other teams and I think trying to recognize these other teams that did not win championships would be in order as well. Rather than take time to do that through a resolution though, again, recognizing Senator Morrissey's comments, I'll just take this time to say that I think all teams that participated in these tournaments are worthy of recognition. I think Lincoln Northeast, in particular, coming in second in Class A is worthy of that recognition and I think we have to recognize that all those individuals, boys' and girls' basketball and other sports, athletics and academics, are worthy of some recognition when they have made the effort, achieved excellence and we ought to thank them for that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have an amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend his resolution by including Falls City Sacred Heart.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, since Senator Morrissey does not want to use his own time, but prefers to use mine, I would offer that amendment and like to see how he votes. With all due respect to the Chair, I would withdraw that amendment at this time. I don't want to taint my resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is withdrawn. Any further discussion on 284? If not, those in favor of its adoption please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 284.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 284 is adopted. LR 285.

CLERK: Mr. President, 285 offered by Senators Langford and Kristensen asks the Legislature to designate or that the Safety Center Driving Range facility at Kearney State College be named the Ron and Carol Cope Nebraska Center for Safety Education and directs the Clerk to present a copy to Mr. and Mrs. Cope.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford or Kristensen. Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution is to name the Nebraska Safety Center at Kearney after Carol and Ron Cope. During Senator Cope's tenure in the Legislature, he championed the Nebraska Safety Center. Since its infancy, he has watched it grow. Carol has served on the State Safety Board, both have been tireless volunteers in the community, acted in hospital board, church board and political party. Anytime workers are needed, Ron and Carol Cope show up to help. They have raised money for the Safety Center and have helped sponsor defensive driving courses, along with alcohol-free parties for youth. I have attended some of the alcohol-free parties and they are wonderful and the high school age children have a wonderful time. It is my pleasure to ask you to honor this devoted couple who have given so much of themselves to our State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of LR 285 please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

March 15, 1990

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