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LB 112, 202-240
LR 3

LBs 202-240 for the first time by title. See pages 100-108 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a notice of hearing by Senator Rod Johnson who is Chair of the Agriculture Committee for Tuesday, January 17.

Mr. President, Senator Hannibal would like to announce that Senator Conway has been selected as Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee.

Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 3. It is offered by Senator Baack and a number of the members. (Read brief explanation. See pages 108-109 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I have a request from Senator Smith to withdraw LB 112. That will be laid over. I believe that is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, are you ready to go back to work now? We will return back to adopting of permanent rules. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I have one more proposed committee amendment, simple little amendment. It has to do with cloture. This change would adopt a cloture rule that would become effective after 12 hours debate at each stage of debate on any appropriation bill, and after 8 hours at each stage of debate on all other bills. To briefly explain it, and then Senator Moore will take it from there, let me give you a scenario. Some of you may be familiar with 428, the motorcycle helmet bill. It was my bill. An amendment, say, was offered under this rule by Senator Moore to the bill. As you know, sometimes amendments can take and need more time for discussion and debate than the bill, itself. After 8 hours of debate on Select File, I would move for cloture, or if that bill happened to be a committee bill, the chairman of the committee would move for cloture. The presiding officer then, under this proposal, would immediately recognize the motion and orders debate to cease on Moore's amendment. The vote on the Moore amendment would be taken without further debate. After that, a vote on the cloture motion without debate, 33 votes would be needed for that motion on cloture would be successful. If the cloture motion were successful, a vote on the advancement of the bill,

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CLERK: Mr. President, LR 3 is offered by Senator Baack and a number of the members. It is found on page 108. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and members, I bring this resolution in memory of my predecessor, Senator Clark from Sidney, and for his family who remains. I did allow an opportunity for all of the members who are still in the body that served with Senator Clark and most of them signed the resolution. I would also say that our Lieutenant Governor did an excellent job at the memorial service for Senator Clark in commemorating his service to the state and to his community. So, with that, I would urge your adoption of the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You've heard the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the resolution? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 3.

PRESIDENT: The resolution passes. We'll move on to bill introduction. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 280-288 by title for the first time. See pages 133-36 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll move on to the revisor's bills then, under number eight.

CLERK: Mr. President, revisor bills, series of revisor bills this morning. The first is LB 1. It's a bill offered by Senator Labedz, as Chairperson of the Executive Board. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, Mr. President, referred directly to General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Before I start on the 17 bills, the revisor bills, I want to remind the senators to avoid the temptation to amend these bills, which are bills designed to correct errors made in prior years, and bills which

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able to assist other agencies, other investigating committees, other individuals who are involved. I have pledged my cooperation to some of them with whom I have visited. I know that Senator Chambers feels the same way. I know that other members of the committee feel the same way. I hope that we are all pursuing the same goals, same objectives and that we can work together. I want to say again that this committee will act with propriety, honesty and integrity. We intend to obtain the best counsel we possibly can and we intend to protect the rights of the innocent and to pursue those who might have been less than innocent. Mr. President and members, I ask for a positive vote on the resolution.

PRESIDENT: That was the closing. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 5.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. You have some new bills, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. New bills. Mr. President, Senator Labedz would like to have a meeting of the Reference Committee now in the Senate Lounge. Referencing Committee in the Senate Lounge, Mr. President, right now. Senate Lounge for Referencing Committee. New bills. (Read by title for the first time LBs 341-355 as found on pages 183-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We will be at ease for a few minutes for referencing and receiving a few more bills.

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PRESIDENT: (Microphone not activated) and capable of transacting business. I propose to sign and do sign LR 3. Would you like to continue, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. New bills. (Read by title for the first time LBs 356-372 as found on pages 187-91 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a new resolution offered by Senator Hall.