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particular amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Abboud amendment is withdrawn. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further on this bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: May I introduce some guests please in the south balcony, guests of Senator Rod Johnson. We have 55 members of the Central City Junior Police Patrol. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature, all of you. Thank you for visiting us today. We'll move on to LB 1094 for Final Reading. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 1094 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 1094 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

(Machine malfunction. Some debate lost. Record vote on the passage of LB 1094 can be found on pages 1417-18 of the Legislative Journal. 40 ayes, 2 nays, 5 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting. LR 305-309 introduced. See pages 1418-22 of the Legislative Journal. LB 571A read by title for the first time. See page 1422 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: (LB 1064.) Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: I wanted to substitute that other amendment ten...3027.

PRESIDENT: Pardon me? Senator Peterson is asking for a substitute motion. Is there an objection? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I object.

PRESIDENT: You object. Which amendment is next then, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend the bill. (Withem amendment is on page 1366 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

observer for the National Weather Service since 1920. This year, 1990, she'll celebrate her 90th birthday, and she'll also be celebrating 70 years as a volunteer for the National Weather Service, also to the Nebraska State Climatology Service. She has faithfully taken the weather observations daily for 70 years. She is a senior woman volunteer weather observer in the United States, the senior volunteer. Her family is planning a birthday party and a family reunion on June 17th in Ainsworth. At that time the National Weather Service will present Ruby with a commendation for her years of service and will also present her with a copy of this resolution, which I hope the body will adopt this morning. I hope you'll join me in sending congratulations to Mrs. Stuftt for her great volunteer service, and I hope you will support the resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: There are no further lights, so those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 304.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: LR 304 was adopted. LR 308.

CLERK: Mr. President, 308 was a resolution introduced by Senator Coordsen. It's found on page 1420 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature to congratulate the Deshler Broom Factory on its 100th anniversary of its founding.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I am nearly speechless with our presiding officer this morning. But, nonetheless, I will introduce this resolution and hope that the vote will be a clean-sweep of the body.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Thirty seconds. (Laughter.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: (Laugh.) This resolution commemorates one of the oldest businesses in the State of Nebraska that was founded in 1890 in the then three year old Village of Deshler, Nebraska. The Deshler Broom Factory has produced quality corn brooms for 100 years and are still in business today, producing about 100 dozen brooms a year. With that, Mr. President, if my 30 seconds has elapsed, I would ask for the approval of the body of this

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resolution. Thank you.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Korshoj, in order that you may, in your legislative history, go down and say that I presided over the Legislature for an entire day, maybe it's appropriate if we would adjourn at this point with you still at the helm and so that you could put that down as you presided for the entire day. Would that be in order at this time?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Is it a sine die, or just an adjournment? (Laughter.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I guess I'd give you a choice.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Sine die would be fine. (Laughter.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think that that...I assume that was ruling me out of order. And, with that, I'll sit down. Thank you. (Laughter.)

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Thank you. There are no other lights, so we shall vote on LR 308. In favor yes, against no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 308.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: LR 308 passes.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, proceeding to Select File, LB 920, I believe, is it not?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. I have no E & R. I do have an amendment on the bill offered by Senators Johnson and Dennis Byars. The amendment is on page 1569 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator, Senator Lowell Johnson, please, would you handle it?

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committed a crime. We were to find out if the institutions of government had worked. Sadly, I have drawn the conclusion that the institutions have not worked as they should have. The committee now has an even greater responsibility, I believe, and that is to find out why they did not work. If, in fact, they did not work, was any individual or group of individuals responsible for the fact the system did not work? There are many persons incarcerated today in Nebraska penal institutions for various crimes. You will find that in most instances the system worked with dispatch. It should work the same for all persons, regardless of who, what position, or any other factor. The public has a right to expect that. The public, I believe, is satisfied with the work of this Legislature. The public knows that this Legislature has acted in the public interest. I believe the public will respond accordingly. I am concerned, and it has been expressed on this floor many times, that if prosecutions do not result, that there may be deep distrust of government by the general public. We are concerned that there not be, and we are well aware of the fact that we can carry the role of character assassins. We've been very careful about that. I would hope that the work of the committee will be judged in finality as being for the good of the citizens of this state, and that the other individuals of those other institutions which have responsibilities to carry out will not be found wanting. Ladies and gentlemen, it is necessary, it is necessary indeed that they not be found wanting. And, if it turns out to be less than what we expect, there will be, I'm sure, certain questions to be answered. I hope that the committee...that the Legislature will vote affirmatively on this bill, and that it will become law so that it might be some small degree of assistance for prosecutors in their responsibilities, but also that it will reassure the public that we are concerned that no perpetrator of a crime shall go free because this Legislature did not do its very best to make certain that prosecution could take place. We ought to make this state as safe as possible for the children of this state, because if it is not safe for the children of this state and those who have no one else to protect them, then it is not safe for anyone. I ask you to support the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 304, LR 308. Also, Senator Coordsen is announcing some guests in our south balcony. We have 16 third and fourth graders from Milligan with their teacher. Would you