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LB 416, LB 502, all correctly engrossed, all signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair. (See page 829 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Landis has amendments to LB 361; Senator Nelson to LB 357. (See pages 830-31 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to announce the room changes for hearings scheduled for March 1 and March 3.

Mr. President, the Natural Resources Committee reports LB 339 to General File with amendments, LB 730 to General File with amendments; Urban Affairs Committee reports LB 444 to General File with amendments; Banking reports LB 482 to General File, LB 64 indefinitely postponed, LB 559 indefinitely postponed, LB 782 indefinitely postponed; and General Affairs reports LB 371 to General File with amendments; all signed by their respective Chairs. (See pages 831-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolutions, LR 34 offered by Senator Weihing. (Read brief explanation.) LR 35 by Senator Rogers. (Read brief explanation. See pages 835-36 of the Legislative Journal) Both of those will be laid over, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Senator Schellpeper has amendments to LB 357 to be printed. (See pages 836-39 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Robak, would you like to adjourn us until tomorrow at nine o'clock which is February 23rd.

SENATOR ROBAK: I move that we adjourn until tomorrow, February 23rd, at nine o'clock.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. You are adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock.

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Senator Smith would just wait a little bit, since it is noon, maybe we could work this out over the evening and we could just come back tomorrow with a different version. I would be willing to pull my amendment at the present time, if that would help, and then we could work something out and come back tomorrow.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper, I think the Chair at this point will leave the amendment as is.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: And I would, after asking for messages on the President's desk, ask you to adjourn the body until tomorrow.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I would be glad to do that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages on the President's desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Banking, Commerce, and Insurance, whose Chair is Senator Landis, reports LB 452 to General File with amendments attached. That is signed by Senator Landis as Chair. Mr. President, Senator Withem has amendments to LB 312A. (See pages 859-860 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a new bill, LB 809 introduced by the Speaker and a number of members at the request of the Governor. (Read for the first time by title. See page 860 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a series of adds, Senator Scofield would like to add her name to LB 555 as co-introducer; Senator Scofield to LB 247; and Senator Hannibal to add his name to LR 35, Mr. President, as co-introducer.

The last item I have, Mr. President, are amendments to be printed from Senator Landis to LB 606. See page 859 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I would move that we adjourn until February 24th at 9:00 a.m.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to

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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to a new week in, this, the First Session of the Ninety-first Legislature. Our Chaplain this morning, Pastor Sherman McCormick, Piedmont Park Seventh-Day Adventist. Pastor McCormick, please.

PASTOR McCORMICK: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Pastor McCormick. We hope you can come back again. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. With a quorum present, any corrections to the Journal.

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Reports, messages, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, a communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LB 342, LB 114, and LB 221. See page 881 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, resolutions LR 33, LR 36, and LR 37 are ready for your signature, and that is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 33, LR 36, and LR 37. As a matter of general information as well, the Chair has been advised that yesterday was a rather major day in the life of Senator John Weihing. Senator Weihing had a birthday yesterday. Happy Birthday, Senator Weihing. Legislative resolutions, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the resolution offered this morning is by Senators Rogers and Hannibal. It is found on page 835. (Read brief explanation of LR 35.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Carson Rogers, please. (Gavel.) Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I brought this resolution to you on behalf of the Village of Dannebrog, which

is in my district. Last summer they wrote to me about the village and the Grundlovs Fest and requested this resolution but it was too late, and after the session, so it was too late to bring it up last year. So I did the next best thing. I promised the resolution you have before you this morning. In all seriousness, Dannebrog is one of Nebraska's great little towns and they put on a great festival every year. It so happens that these days Dannebrog is getting a lot of national recognition because Roger Welsch talks about the village on CBS on Sunday mornings. In spite of all the fame, they want to be declared the Danish Capital of Nebraska so they can promote their festival. Now there might be some of you that would rather question about whether Dannebrog truly deserves to be called the Danish Capital of Nebraska. Well, if you are one of those who would question this designation, I will just remind you that Dannebrog is also the home of the Liars Hall of Fame, so it probably doesn't matter a lot what Dannebrog say about themselves, just make them happy and vote for the resolution. Senator Hannibal is here so I will just move for the advancement of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I stand in opposition to this this morning. I have been to Dannebrog. There is not much there anymore, Gary. I think that we probably have...if that is the Danish Capital, are those all the Danes we have left in Nebraska? I think Senator Kristensen wants to argue with you about that a little bit, but I like the idea of the Fest. What does Grundlov mean? Maybe it is pronounced Grundlov. Okay, what does that mean? Senator Carson Rogers, are you a Dane?

SENATOR ROGERS: No, I am not.

SENATOR SMITH: You are just being kind to Gary and to Dannebrog then, right?

SENATOR ROGERS: Well, I am being kind to them because it is a lot of fun. It was a great shock to me the first year I was invited down there, here is Senator Hannibal. You know, I looked at Gary and thought, well, what the heck are you doing here. Well, then he explained to me why he was there.

SENATOR SMITH: Oh, wait a minute, now do you mean there were

two senators in Dannebrog at one time. Well, I think that then I should vote for it. I would like to give the remainder of my time to Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, are you up to it?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I believe so. Being Kristensen with a "K", and ending in "sen", and living in Minden, who has had Danish Days for many years, and now have broadened our scope to Ethnic Days, I am not sure that I can support you, Senator, on making Dannebrog the Danish Capital of the world, unless you would like to annex Minden into Dannebrog and we would be happy to come and share the Danish Capital of Nebraska. Our tax base is wonderfully high. I guess I can support this as long as Minden is always welcome up to Dannebrog. Is that agreeable?

SENATOR ROGERS: No problem there.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely. Thank you. Senator Korshoj, Senator Coordsen next.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, I would like some kind of special privileges then when I go to visit Dannebrog because I happen to be a hundred percent Dane, and I think in the resolution you mention kale soup. Isn't the real name for kale soup "gronkal"?

SENATOR ROGERS: I won't argue with you.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: I think you have probably got it worded wrong, but I still think that you should give us some special privileges when we do visit the town, us thoroughbreds or full bloods, so I guess I am going to have to support you if you change the name of that kale soup. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. My name also ends in "sen". However, I am more fortunate than my ex-roommate because my ancestors were part of a group of the Danish people that lost the war to Germany, and given the present economic problems, position of Germany in the world, maybe we ought to have a combination Danish-German center,

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Senator Rogers. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Rogers, would you like to close?

SENATOR ROGERS: Well, I am going to mention one thing, as long as Senator Hannibal didn't. I mentioned that the first time I showed up there, here was Senator Hannibal. His great-great-grandfather founded Dannebrog, and I thought surely he would mention that. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the motion. The question is the adoption of LR 35. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 35.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 35 is adopted. I have number six, motions, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first is offered by Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit would move to withdraw LB 676.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, we have a multitude of bills on the floor. We have a lot of them in committee. This bill has been addressed rather thoroughly on the floor. It doesn't seem to be moving very rapidly and, therefore, it would only compound the work of the committee and of this body to continue to keep this bill alive. I suggest that it be withdrawn. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Those in favor of the withdrawal motion offered by Senator Schmit please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the withdrawal of LB 676.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 676 is withdrawn. Next motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would would move to withdraw LB 765.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George Norris Legislative Chamber where our opening prayer this morning will be handled by Pastor Mel Luetchens, Director of Interchurch Ministries in Lincoln. Pastor Leachens. (Gavel.)

PASTOR LUETCHENS: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Reverend Luetchens. We look forward to your return. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages, announcements, reports?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority bill designation by Senator Beck, choosing LB 775 as her priority bill for this Ninety-First Legislature, First Session. I have amendments to be printed to LB 360 by Senator Schellpeper. (See pages 893-94 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LR 35 is ready for your signature.

And the last item, Mr. President, is a report of the minutes of the Board of Public Roads and Classifications and Standards. That report will be on file in my office. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 35. To the matter of confirmation reports, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit, as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, offers a report regarding the appointment of Mr. Mark Anthony to the Games and Parks Commission. Senator, your report is on page 885 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. (Gavel.)