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LB 213, 250A, 340, 701  
LR 39

SENATOR WITHEM: I believe the A bill, as I looked at it this morning, is something like a \$5,000 A bill needed by the department to implement this bill. I move that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the A bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 250A.

PRESIDENT: LB 250A is advanced. Mr. Clerk, anything for the record, please?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, thank you. Government Committee reports LB 213 to General File and LB 701 indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Baack as Chair. A new resolution, Mr. President, by Senator Withem. (Read brief explanation of LR 39. See page 924 of the Legislative Journal.) And that will be laid over, Mr. President. That is all that I have.

PRESIDENT: We will move on to LB 340, please. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 340 was a bill introduced by Senator Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of this year. At that time, it was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Government Committee, Mr. President. (See page 595 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, do you want to take the committee amendments for starters?

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and members, this is an issue that has generated a lot of public debate and a lot of public discussion, and what I am going to do right now is I am simply going to explain the committee amendments, and what the committee amendments do to the bill, because they make some very dramatic changes. And then what I would like to do, I think the best thing that could happen is that the body would simply adopt these amendments, and then we will deal with the rest of the issues. I know that Senator Warner has an amendment and so does

SENATOR MOORE: Just briefly, Mr. Speaker. As Senator Hartnett said, I had a chance, myself, to attend a couple Creighton games. They are a "gutty" ball team. I was glad that Senator Lindsay and Senator Hartnett brought this resolution for us and wish the Blue Jays good luck down in Wichita.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the amendment...of the resolution, rather. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 38.

PRESIDENT: LR 38 is adopted. LR 39.

CLERK: Mr President, LR 39 was offered by Senator Withem. It asks the Legislature to designate 1989 as the Year of the Young Reader in that it encourages the Governor to issue a proclamation encouraging parents, educators, libraries and all the citizens of the state to observe the Year of the Young Reader. The resolution is found on page 924 of the Journal, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. President, members of the body,...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, is this Senator Withem's resolution?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I was under the impression that I did have just a slight bit more time to prepare, but I was ready to go at your beck and call, Mr. President. But I will respectfully decline to speak at this time. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: I think Senator Coordsen has explained this resolution fairly well. So I would just urge your support of the...no. LR 39 is a resolution that would declare this year the Year of the Young Reader. This is a national movement to encourage young people to do more reading, get young people together with books. It's brought on behalf of the Nebraska PTA and the Metropolitan Reading Council; encourages the Governor to issue a proclamation encouraging parents, educators, libraries

and all citizens of the state to observe the Year of the Young Reader. I don't think I'll say anything else about it. It's a good idea and I'd urge your support.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 39.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. We'll move on to introduction of bills. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator Coordsen for the introduction of new bills by the Business and Labor Committee, request number 1187 and 1188.

PRESIDENT: Senator Coordsen, now we'll let you out of the starting gate.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, what I am asking to...for your permission to introduce this morning are the annual claims bills from the Claims Board. There will be two bills. The first request is a bill to make appropriation for payment of miscellaneous claims against the state which have been approved by the State Claims Board and referred to the Legislature for approval. The bill provides how payment shall be made and declares an emergency. The bill also contains requests by state agencies to write off certain accounts which have been approved by the State Claims Board. The other request is a bill to disallow the miscellaneous claims made against the state which have been denied by the State Claims Board and referred to the Legislature. This is our annual exercise into the Claims Board realm. With the introduction or with the allowance of the introduction of these bills this morning we will be hearing them a week from Monday. Thank you. I would urge the adoption of the...or the inclusion in the agenda of these bills.

PRESIDENT: Okay, you've heard the explanation. The question is the introduction of the new bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. This requires 30 votes, ladies and gentlemen. I need a little help, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the introduction of

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273, 344, 471, 628  
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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Recorder not activated) ...hearty souls who are with us this morning as we convene this last day of the working week. Our opening prayer this morning by Chaplain Clarence Zwetzig of Bryan Memorial Hospital, here in Lincoln. Chaplain Zwetzig.

CHAPLAIN ZWETZIG: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Chaplain Zwetzig. We hope you can come back again. 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: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, a communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LB 74, LB 116, LB 208, LB 238, LB 263, LB 267, LB 273, LB 344. See page 960 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, resolutions LR 38 and LR 39 adopted yesterday are ready for your signature.

Mr. President, your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, whose Chair is Senator Baack, to whom was referred LB 471 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File, LB 628 General File with amendments, LB 91 indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Baack as Chair. (See pages 960-61 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have two study resolutions, both introduced by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read brief explanation of LR 40.) That will be referred to Reference. (Read brief explanation of LR 41.) That, too, will be referred to the Exec Board. (See pages 961-62 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in

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session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 38 and LR 39. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen, for your attention to duty as we proceed to item 5 on the agenda, Final Reading, LB 92. Mr. Brown and Mr. O'Donnell, the floor is yours.

CLERK: (Read LB 92 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 92 become law? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 966 of the Legislative Journal.) 38 ayes, 0 nays, 11 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 92 passes. LB 92A.

CLERK: (Read LB 92A on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 92 (sic) pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the passage of the A bill, have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 966-67 of the Legislative Journal.) 36 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 11 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 92A passes. Before the call is raised, two announcements of general interest to the body. (Gavel.) The first announcement concerns the Governor's Conference, the Ag Conference, which is scheduled in Kearney tomorrow. I know a number of the members of this body are planning to attend. That Ag Conference has been cancelled. The Second Annual Governor's Ag Conference scheduled in Kearney tomorrow has been cancelled. The other announcement of interest to this body, our illustrious Clerk has just reached another milestone in his life. This is birth day for Patrick J. O'Donnell. The doughnuts being passed out now are, of course, Patrick's gift to the Legislature. Senator Smith, are you prepared to lead us in the song? Happy Birthday to Patrick J. O'Donnell. (Applause.) Mr. Clerk, if you have now recovered from that blow, let's proceed to Select