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LR 61

LB 154 correctly engrossed, LB 183, LB 254, LB 421, all correctly engrossed. (See pages 1228-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 61 by Senator Schmit asking the Legislature to congratulate the Wahoo boys basketball team for winning the Class B State Basketball Championship. (See page 1229 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 592 until April 25 of this year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I have two reasons for doing this, one is that I am serious about the motion; the other is to maybe make it possible that some will have the opportunity to speak who otherwise might be knocked down by a call of the question. Very few issues on this floor relate directly to me and mine in the way that this does that will cause me to speak as I am doing today on the floor of this Legislature. Never have I seen any concern for doing a program that would uplift those in my community, never have I seen the fervor for that as I see for these kinds of things of increasing the punishments, putting people in jail and so forth. When the North Freeway was running through my community and I stood up here and tried to explain the damage that would be done and, in fact, it has been done, the increased number of vacant lots, the inability of people to afford housing who used to have housing have all come to fruition, got nowhere. There are people from all over the state, none of whom are in my district and my district won't even run the risk of being affected by it, who are concerned about a low-level nuclear waste facility and they write me letters and call me on the phone and cry to me in person about how it might damage their community and be harmful to them. And I tell them there were probably over 40 other senators over there who care not a pop of the finger for my community. The pollution from the cars driving right through what they call a low-rent housing project, right through the middle of an OHA housing development where many, many small children live, this Legislature did not care, did not care, and does not care now. I told you that I had talked to Mayor Calinger about putting together a program where we don't just talk about jobs, but there are some realistic opportunities made available to these young people. He never got back to me. Some of the things he

each year, puts their heart and soul into a production, and literally it is a production for those that haven't had a chance to stop by and see the Miss Nebraska crowning and competitive forum that they have in the gymnasium there at North Platte. One of the things that you find when you begin attending is that your image certainly changes of the types of contests, that the women that are involved in this, the young women that are involved are not only obviously beautiful and talented, but very intelligent and have laudable goals and things that they wish to accomplish with their lives. One of the things that we would like to do is to also elevate the status just a little bit, as other states have done, and not particularly because other states have done it, because the people are deserving of that. And though the Governors are very wise and the Governors we have are obviously the number one person that the people need to see as probably the official host, it is my feeling that a hostess would be very, very helpful indeed. And one of the things that Miss Nebraska would be able to do is to put a positive image, a positive foot forward for the State of Nebraska on major dignitaries or other people that would come, that the Miss Nebraska, among her many duties, would be also to serve as hostess whenever possible. On that point, I guess I ask adoption of the resolution.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 61, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LR 61 is offered by Senator Schmit. It is found in the Journal on page 1229. (Read brief explanation.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I want to call attention to the fact that the Wahoo High School boys basketball team ended their season with a perfect 26 to nothing record and that this places them in the enviable position of having a 38 streak of victories which is a record for the state at the present time. We want to recognize the fact that the coach,

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Mick Anderson, and his young men have shown exemplary courage and fortitude and dedication, and we want to wish them well, and, therefore, I move for the adoption of the resolution.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 62, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LR 62 is offered by Senator Rod Johnson. It is found in the Journal on page 1231. (Read brief explanation.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and member, it is my great pleasure to recognize my home community of Sutton, Nebraska. They have won the state football and basketball championships this year. I am glad to rub that in everybody's face but they are...they are an excellent bunch of young men and coaches and I think it is a rarity when you find a community to win state championships both in basketball, football, and they have not yet had a chance to do anything in track, so we will wait and see how they do in track as well. But they are comprised of, I think, some outstanding young athletes out there and their coaches should be commended for the coaching job that they have done. And as I said, I want to recognize my home community as being both a champion on the field and off the field. Thank you.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 62.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 52, LR 53, LR 56, LR 59, and LR 60. We will move on to the motion by Senator Landis. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis, Schellpeper, Goodrich and

Military Affairs Committee met and reviewed thoroughly, as all committees do on appointments, and we felt after a bitter and intense discussion, unanimously, we felt that this appointment would be a very good one for the essence of the State of Nebraska. In case people were wondering what the Hall of Fame Commission does, I went to the Blue Book and copied it off so I could read it very briefly. The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission is created to bring public attention to and recognition, officially, of people who have achieved prominence and who were outstanding Nebraskans. The Commission was empowered to name two persons to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during the two years of its existence and one person each two years afterwards and no person can be considered for recognition until at least 10 years after his or her death. And we have 16 prominent persons who have been named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame and I could go on and name them, but they are on page 599 of the Blue Book, for those that are interested in who those 16 are. The Commission then continues to move onward. We have a vacancy and the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee would be honored if the Legislature would approve the nomination and appointment of Ruth Ann Connell as the newest member of the Hall of Fame Commission. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the acceptance of the committee report. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the committee report. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Government confirmation report.

PRESIDENT: The report is adopted. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 55, LR 61, and LR 62. Move on to the Select Committee Report, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, there was a proposed rules change offered by Senator Wesely to the body on February 23. Pursuant to our rules, that was referred to the Rules Committee for their consideration. The Rules Committee has reported back, Mr. President. That report is found on page 1145 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.