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judges would be allocated by the Judicial Resources Commission. It's quite likely that that commission would allocate them to Douglas County, given the large caseload that they have there, but that is not an absolute requirement and it would be up to the commission to decide. In the amended form now it would add one additional juvenile court judge. I think that it is necessary. I think we need to realize that there is a backlog of cases at all levels and that litigation is becoming more complex, more people are resorting to the courts and it's really not a question of trying to reduce the workload for any particular judge, it is a question of reducing the backlog and cases that do not necessarily get heard. And I think this will be one mechanism at making the system a little more efficient, a little equitable and a little more fair to the parties who will be involved in the cases that these particular courts will hear. So I would urge you to vote in favor of LB 147 in its amended form. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 147 to E & R Engrossing. Machine vote has been requested. Record vote. Those in favor of the advancement of the bill vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1353 of the Legislative Journal.) 31 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 147.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 147 is advanced. The A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some things before we get to the A bill?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Certainly, proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on General Affairs whose Chair is Senator Smith, to whom was referred LB 591, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File with amendments; and LB 751 indefinitely postponed. (See pages 1353-55 of the Legislative Journal.) Health Committee reports LB 689 to General File with amendments. (See pages 1355-56 of the Legislative Journal.) Those are signed by the respective Chairs.

New resolution, Mr. President, LR 63. (Read brief description

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the fifty-fifth working day in the First Session of the Ninety-First Legislature. The opening prayer this morning by our Chaplain of the day, Pastor Kenneth Baker of Fellowship Baptist, here in Lincoln. Pastor Baker.

PASTOR BAKER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Pastor Baker. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: No messages, reports or announcements, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: In that event, to Item 5 on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 63 is the first item for discussion. The first item I have with respect to LR 63 is a request from Senator Hefner to add his name as co-introducer.

SPEAKER BARRETT: If there are no objections, so be it.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 63 offered by Senators Chambers and Hefner. It is found on page 1356 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature to extend its congratulations for the achievements and accomplishments of the Nebraska School for the Deaf over the past one hundred twenty years.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I very rarely bring resolutions but I think this one is meritorious because of what it attempts to do, and the Clerk stated very succinctly its intent. For 120 years, the Nebraska School for the Deaf has operated and it has been a great service and benefit to those who are deaf or hearing impaired. I handed around a legal size sheet of paper with a

number of items on it that the school has done, but there is one paragraph that I marked, and I am going to put this into the record because I think it is significant. "Curriculum advancement has continued into modern times. Recently, for example, the school has expanded course offerings in science, including aeronautics and space, language arts, which would include four years of required instruction in reading and public speaking, computer education, which would be basic programming and word processing, and vocational education, including working with plastics, small engine repair, desk top publishing and computer assisted drafting. In addition, the school has extended the academic and life-skills instruction program into the residential program. Two years ago, the Nebraska School for the Deaf received accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools." Too often the deaf and hearing impaired are overlooked by society. Last year I was invited to give the graduation address. Boys Town last year had something like a seminar where they invite deaf students from all over the world to come there for a month or so and they have the opportunity to be addressed by various politicians. As it turned out, I was one of their favorites. Watching those young people...the kibitzing, kibitzing. I am requesting that the Legislature adopt this resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the resolution offered by Senator Chambers and Hefner. Senator Chambers, or Hefner, excuse me. Senator Hall on deck.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I commend Senator Chambers for bringing this resolution to the body. I just want to say that I have a very warm place in my heart for the School of the Deaf because my father attended the School for the Deaf in the early 1900's. He was deaf and I also had an aunt, an aunt that attended the school in the early 1900's. So this is one of the reasons why I wanted to add my name to this resolution. This school has done much for the hearing impaired and for the deaf people of our state, and I think it is only proper and right that we recognize them with this resolution as they celebrate their 120th anniversary.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I also rise in support of Senator Chambers' resolution for the Nebraska School for the Deaf. If you will look down the agenda a little

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ways under item 6, LB 438, that Senator Wehrbein has designated as his priority bill, I think is another way hopefully today, possibly next week early on, we will be able to again talk about the importance and the value that not only the Nebraska School for the Deaf but the School for the Visually Handicapped plays in this state with regard to educating young people who are at a disadvantage with regard to some of their physical abilities. I think that this is a fitting tribute to them and I think the bill that Senator Wehrbein and I sponsored that will have the state pick up those costs will clearly show how important we feel those schools are, and I would urge the body to support Senator Chambers' resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Chambers. Thank you. The question is the adoption of LR 63 as offered by Senator Chambers and Hefner. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 63.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The resolution is adopted. To General File, senator priority bills, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill scheduled this morning is LB 262. It was a bill introduced by Senator Hall. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. The bill was considered on General File, Mr. President, on March 20. At that time, the committee amendments were adopted. Senator Beyer then offered a motion to indefinitely postpone. Senator Hall agreed to lay the bill over. Mr. President, that motion is pending. However, I do have a priority motion and that priority motion is to reconsider adoption of the Baack, Bernard-Stevens, and Conway amendment to LB 262, and that amendment, Mr. President, is on page 1015 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That being the case, Mr. Clerk, we are then on the motion to reconsider, and the Chair would recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to briefly explain to the body why I offer a motion to reconsider. I usually do not offer reconsider motions because I feel once the body has debated an issue thoroughly and has voted, that it is the responsibility of all us to work with the decision of

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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the George Norris Legislative Chamber for the final work day of this week. The opening prayer by our chaplain this morning, Reverend James Carmon of the Old Cheney Alliance Church here in Lincoln. Reverend Carmon. (Gavel.)

REVEREND CARMON: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Reverend Carmon. We hope you can come back again another day. 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: Any announcements, messages or reports?

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 54A to Select File; LB 335, Select File with amendments; LB 335A, Select File; LB 705, Select File with amendments, and LB 395, Select File, those all signed by Senator Lindsay as Chair of Enrollment and Review. (See pages 1398-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, study resolution offered by Senators Wesely, Schellpeper, Goodrich, Crosby, Dierks and Byars. (Gave brief description of LR 65 as found on pages 1399-1400 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be referred to the Executive Board. That's 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 63. Also, pleased to announce that Senator McFarland has some guests in the north balcony. We have six students from Lincoln, specifically Victory Fellowship Church School, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're glad to have you. Again, a reminder, we are proceeding into consent calendar at this point, LB 706. A reminder that bills can be struck from the consent calendar with three signatures. A very specific reminder that