

March 30, 1989

LB 108, 285A, 431, 465, 484, 552, 553
554, 565, 579, 581, 526, 637, 699
707, 719, 769, 806
LR 66

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Withem amendment is adopted. Back to the bill as amended. Senator Baack, anything further?

SENATOR BAACK: No, Mr. Speaker, I would simply urge the body to advance this bill. I...I agree with Senator Withem, it's not something that I...that I particularly like, not being able to prohibit the payment of petition circulators but I think it's something that we have to deal with in our law right now. So I would just urge advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Shall LB 637 be advanced? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 637.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 637 is advanced. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you, yes. Your Committee on Judiciary whose Chair is Senator Chizek, to whom was referred LB 465 instructs me to report the bill back with the recommendation it be advanced to General File; LB 552, General File; LB 554, General File; LB 565, General File; LB 579, General File; LB 719, General File with amendments; LB 769, General File with amendments; LB 108, indefinitely postponed, as is LB 484, LB 553, LB 626, LB 699, LB 806, all those indefinitely postponed. (See pages 1404-05 of the Legislative Journal.)

Revenue Committee reports LB 707 to General File with amendments and LB 581, General File with amendments. Those are signed by Senator Hall as Chair. New resolution, LR 66 by Senator Rogers. (Read summary of resolution.) That will be laid over. Lobby report for this week, Mr. President. Amendments to be printed, Senator Lamb to LB 285A, Senator Wehrbein to LB 431. And, Mr. President, I have motions from Senator Warner, as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, regarding introduction of a new bill and a rules suspension accompanying that. Both of those will be laid over. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1406-10 of the Legislative Journal.)

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Correction, item 5 on the agenda, resolutions, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, resolutions, LR 64 as offered by Senator Schmit, found on page 1378 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature to commemorate the 30th anniversary of His Eminence Greek Orthodox Church Archbishop Iakovos.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I was going to voice a word of protest based upon discrimination but I am glad that the Speaker has reverted back to item 5. The resolution honors and recognizes the 30th Anniversary of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Church and his service here in the United States of America, as a member of that church and as a leading religious figure in the United States; recognizes his many contributions toward the development of the culture of the Greek people, we recognize his moral and religious guidance. We recognize the method and the manner in which he has served his church for three decades and the more than 550 parishes of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, and in the spirit of religious freedom which we have valued very highly in this country, I offer this resolution and ask for its adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? If not, all in favor of the adoption of the resolution offered by Senator Schmit please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 64.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 64 is adopted. LR 66, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LR 66, Mr. President, offered by Senator Rogers, found on page 1407. It asks the Unicameral to support the Twin Loup Project and communicate same to Congresswoman Smith and to respective members of the Appropriations Committee in the United States House and the United States Senate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The gentleman from Ord, Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I think quite a few of you have been up to the Calamus Dam which is in my district. This resolution concerns to try to finish this project. The

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President's budget was \$6 million and they need about another \$16 million to complete the Davis Creek part of this project. There is about 20,000 acres that will be irrigated if this project is completed. Presently, there is about 74 percent complete with the remaining about 26 percent that has not been completed, and the majority of the cost of this project has already been expended to build the Calamus Dam and the canal to the Davis Creek, and I would ask the support of the Unicameral on behalf of the Twin Loup Project and this will be sent on to the Appropriations Committee and the Senate and House of Representatives to appropriate funds to finish the Davis Creek Dam. I ask for its advancement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any questions? Any discussion? Those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 66.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 66 passes. LR 67, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 67 was introduced by Senator Wesely. It is found on page 1446 (sic) of the Journal. It asks the Legislature to commend Nebraska's child care providers and teachers for their continued commitment and dedication in the care and education of our young children, and that the Legislature declare the week of April 2nd through the 8th as the Week of the Young Child of Nebraska.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The member from the 26th Legislative District, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, the Week of the Young Child is an event that started last year. We recognized it last year in a resolution. We are going to, hopefully, do it again this year. The event was kicked off today in Lincoln and Omaha with a parade. As a matter of fact, in a little while out on the north steps, if you want to, there will be some children releasing balloons, and up in Omaha, I know they will be similarly trying to dedicate this Week of the Young Child to try and recognize the importance of children in our state and the desire to provide for them good child care, good education, and good opportunities, and so this resolution does commend the providers and the educators of this state for the work with children and recognizes the importance of children to all of us.

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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the 58th working day in this the First Session of the Ninety-first Legislature. Our Chaplain of the day, our own Harland Johnson. Mr. Johnson.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Harland, very much. Roll call.

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

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

CLERK: No corrections this morning, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages, announcements or reports?

CLERK: Mr. President, a series of Attorney General's Opinions, one to Senator Beck regarding LB 775; an amendment to...or an opinion to Senator Lamb and a third opinion to Senator Hall regarding LB 809, Mr. President. Also, LR 64, LR 66, LR 67 as passed by the Legislature yesterday are now ready for your signature, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (See pages 1465-1474 of the Legislative Journal. The opinion to Senator Lamb is in regard to LB 183.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 64, LR 66 and LR 67. To item 5, Mr. Clerk, special motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Withem and Schmit would move to suspend Rule 3, Section 17, so as to place LB 188 on General File notwithstanding the action of the Education Committee. The motion was filed on March 29 and is found on page 1383 of the Journal, Mr. President. LB 188 was reported by the Education Committee as indefinitely postponed on March 20 of this year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I will only use a portion of my opening time because I want Senator Withem to use a portion of it also. So perhaps if the Speaker would notify me