

April 10, 1989

LB 397, 588
LR 74

opposed nay. Voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Korshoj.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz would move...well, Senator Conway, you had the first motion, Senator. Senator Conway would move to indefinitely postpone LB 588.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, your wishes, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Although it's like an arrow piercing my heart, Senator Conway, I am going to lay the bill over, and, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is laid over. Thank you. For the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 397 by Senator Chambers. An Attorney General's Opinion, there is one to Senator Kristensen; the second opinion is to Senator Coordsen. (See pages 1602-12 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 74, by Senator Chambers. (Read brief explanation. See pages 1612-13 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, for a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER BARRETT: State your point, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: I just would like to take the opportunity to call the membership's attention to the custom artwork in the bottom floor of the Legislature, a picture of the State Capitol

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the 63rd working day. Our chaplain of the day, the Reverend Ron Knapp of the First Unitarian Church in Omaha which, incidentally, happens to be Reverend...or, excuse me, Senator Ron Withem' parish. Reverend Knapp, please. (Gavel.)

REVEREND KNAPP: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Reverend Knapp. 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 this morning, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, for the second day I have no messages, reports or announcements at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to advise that Senator Rod Johnson has some guests in our north balcony. We have 15 high school students, a Modern Problems class from Palmer, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for being here. We're glad to have you. Legislative resolution, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 74 offered by Senator Chambers, found on page 1612. (Read brief description of LR 74.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, because of the nature of this resolution, I don't think a great deal needs to be said about it. But what it does is make mention of the fact that a national committee called A Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse has been fighting against child abuse for years and has given as its goal the reduction by a certain percentage, by 1990, the rate of child abuse that occurs. It is a serious problem in this country and it cuts across cultural, ethnic, economic and social lines. So what I'm

hoping the Legislature will do, and I expect the Legislature will do but I hope enough are here to make it at least a decent showing, is to vote for this resolution. Mrs. Barbara Bush joined in a national press conference to announce and recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Governor signed a proclamation and I hope Senator Baack is not running out to miss the vote. He will be back. And I'm asking that the Legislature go on record in a similar fashion. With that, I ask for the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion on the resolution found on page 1612 in the Legislative Journal? Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: (Microphone not activated immediately)...discussion, Mr. Speaker, thank you, and members and Senator Chambers, I just rise as a woman to support this resolution and, hopefully, everyone that pays attention to it will make them more aware of the contemporary problem. Of course, it's an old problem but abuse of...child abuse, in my mind, is the ultimate in a low kind of person who would abuse a child in any way. So I certainly do support the resolution and thank Senator Chambers for introducing it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, anything further for closing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, merely to mention that the handout on your desk is the cover...a copy of a cover of a Spider Man magazine that was produced in conjunction with the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse and it deals with verbal abuse and how these things are bad, why they ought not to occur. And I think with the heightened awareness around the country we may be in a position some day to look back on this period when there was so much abuse of our children and our children of those years will find it difficult to believe that these days existed. With that, I hope you will vote to pass the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the adoption of LR 74. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 74.

April 11, 1989

LB 77, 371, 592
LR 74

SPEAKER BARRETT: The resolution is adopted. Members, please return to your seats for Final Reading. To our friends in the balconies, we are about to proceed into Final Reading which is the final time the bill is considered by this Legislature and constitutionally we are required to read every bill in its entirety. The Clerk will, very shortly, start reading the bill and the vote will be taken for the final time in order to either pass it into law or not pass it into law. Members, return to your seats for Final Reading. (Gavel.) Members, please take your seats for Final Reading. Please read LB 77, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 77 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 77 pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1630 of the Legislative Journal.) 40 ayes, 0 nays, 9 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 77 passes. LB 371 with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: (Read LB 371 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 371 with the emergency clause attached become law? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1631 of the Legislative Journal.) 40 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, 6 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 371E passes. LB 592.

CLERK: (Read LB 592 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 592 become law? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1632 of the Legislative

April 12, 1989

LB 642
LR 74

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. The opening prayer by our chaplain of the day, Mr. Wendall Conover from Milford who is the Executive Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Mr. Conover. (Gavel.)

MR. WENDALL CONOVER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Mr. Conover. We're pleased to have you with us this morning. 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 reports, messages or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no messages, reports or announcements this morning.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 74. Moving to item 5 on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Ashford would move to place LB 642 on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 19. Senator Ashford offered his motion on April 6, Mr. President. It's found on page 1554 of the Journal.

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

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I understand last night that the Judiciary Committee took action on LB 642 and on a vote of five to two voted to move LB 642 to the legislative floor. LB 642, as acted upon last night, is a bill which...or resolution which calls for the repeal of Initiative 403, the constitutional amendment which was voted on by the people of the State of Nebraska in 1988. I appreciate very much the work of the Judiciary Committee on LB 642. I feel strongly, as I have said over the last three months, that we need a strong and effective dialogue on the issue of reasonable gun regulation in the State of Nebraska. Since the passage of