

April 17, 1989

LB 761  
LR 77

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

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

PRESIDENT: Before we begin, may I introduce some guests please in the south balcony. Senator Wehrbein has 26 fourth graders from Louisville, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Mr. President, anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, new resolution, LR 77 by Senator WeiHING asking the Legislature to recognize April as National Volunteer Month. That will be laid over, Mr. President. (See pages 1721-22 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) If I could have your attention, please. If you'd please take your seats as much as possible, we will begin by taking up LB 761. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 761 was introduced by Senators Schmit, Elmer, Kristensen, Morrissey, Beck, Lamb and WeiHING. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 19 of this year, Mr. President, referred to the Natural Resources Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, before we start, we'd like to have it a little quieter than we have it so that we can hear the speakers speak this afternoon. This is an important subject and I'm sure you're all interested, but we would like to have it down so that we can hear what is being said, please. Thank you. Senator Schmit, on the amendments. Did you wish to take the amendments first, or what?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Committee amendments, right?

PRESIDENT: Committee amendments. Okay, thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, the committee amendments are rather substantial and I would appreciate it if you would note any questions you might have as we go through them and then call them to my attention immediately thereafter.

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LB 234  
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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the George Norris Chamber and to the sixtieth-eighth day in this, the First Session of the Ninety-first Legislature. Our invocation this morning by Pastor John Smeltzer, associate minister of the First-Plymouth Congregational Church here in Lincoln. Reverend Smeltzer.

REVEREND SMELTZER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Reverend Smeltzer. We appreciate your being with us. Roll call.

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

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

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no corrections this morning.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Messages, reports or announcements.

CLERK: Just a single item, Mr. President, Senator Haberman would like to print amendments to LB 234 and that is all that I have. (See pages 1768-69 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to item 5, legislative resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 77 offered by Senator Weihing. It is found on page 1721 of the Journal. (Read brief description.)

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

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, volunteerism has been one of the major features of our country for many years. There is the organization known as the Volunteer Connection which is a national organization. There are two offices of this organization within the state. One is in Lincoln, just over here on Lincoln Mall and the other is at Scottsbluff. These offices do a great, great deal towards helping volunteer, people who wish to do volunteer work and bring about volunteerism within the state. The importance of this is that not only is much done, as it is figured at this present time that \$150 billion of volunteerism is done within the United States at this time. It gives pride to the people,

it gets people into doing activities that they love to do and helping other people in things that need to be done. April has been designated and declared as Volunteer Month. This is the legislative resolution and, whereas April has been declared National Volunteer Month; and whereas the majority of Nebraskans have participated in a volunteer capacity; whereas volunteers provide tremendous economic and social benefits to the community; and whereas volunteers provide an invaluable source of strength, courage and pride to people and agencies in need of help. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Ninety-first Legislature of Nebraska, First Session, that the Legislature recognizes April as National Volunteer Month; (2) that the Legislature recognizes every Nebraska volunteer who has donated countless hours of hard work and effort for the betterment of the community; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Volunteer Connection. This is the offices at 1721 Broadway, in Scottsbluff, and the one here on Centennial Mall which is at 215 Centennial Mall here in Lincoln, in our recognition of all of the volunteer work and help within our society. I move that we adopt this resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Is there discussion on the adoption of the resolution offered by Senator Weihing? If not, those in favor of its adoption please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 77.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The resolution is adopted. Senator Kristensen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Only because the question or the request takes precedence, do I recognize you. State your point.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Oftentimes on the floor of the Legislature in the heat of debate we say things that we really don't mean. And sometime, in the course of human events, the Speaker says things that he doesn't mean, and yesterday he made some reference to the Senators' basketball team of which offended most of the integrity of this body and I was wondering if the Speaker, after a full night's reflection, had decided to retract those statements and strike them from the record?

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: (Microphone not activated immediately.)  
...Legislative Chamber. We have with us today as our Chaplain of the day from Senator Robak's district, Reverend Gordon Harmon of Columbus, Nebraska, of the Word of Life Church. Would you please rise for the invocation. Reverend Harmon.

REVEREND HARMON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Harmon, we appreciate that. Come back and see us again. Roll call vote, please.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign, LR 77. Do we have any corrections to the Journal this morning?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, just one item. The Natural Resources Committee gives notice of confirmation hearing for April 26. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) If I could have your attention for a moment, please. (Gavel.) If I could have your attention for a moment, please, you fellows in the center aisle. (Gavel.) You gentlemen in the center aisle, if I could have your attention for a moment. Senator Baack has something important to say to you, so please let him have your attention.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and members, I would just like to make an introduction this morning. This morning, for a couple of days, I have my son here with me. This is Aaron Baack. He played basketball with us last night and did better than most of us did, so we're a little bit embarrassed about that, but he did do a good job for us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Aaron, we're glad to have you, and I've heard that before, that when you voted for your Dad last time, his voting record went up considerably, so we're glad to have you with us for a couple of days, again. Welcome. Mr. Clerk, are we ready