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And new resolution, Mr. President, LR 79 by Senators Abboud and Chizek. (Read brief description of LR 79 as found on pages 1778-79 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over.

Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Coordsen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, with the adoption of the Conway amendment, I would like to withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have...the next two amendments are by Senator Smith. Senator, I have your AM1157, first of all.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I will withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, I next have your 1194.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: And I will withdraw that one also.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It's withdrawn.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, is by Senator Elmer.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nelson would move to amend.

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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We are pleased to have with us this morning our own Chaplain of the day, Reverend Harland Johnson. Would you please rise.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Harland. We appreciate that. Roll call please. Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Gavel.) Do you 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, Senator Lynch would like to print amendments to LB 769, and that is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1824-25 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Fine. I would like to introduce some guests we have in the north balcony this morning. Senator Elmer has some guests from Republican Valley High School, 11 sixth through eleventh grade students with their teacher. Will you folks please stand and be recognized. We appreciate your visiting us this morning. The legislative resolution, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 79 offered by Senators Abboud and Chizek. (Read brief explanation.) The resolution is found on page 1778 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, Bryan Elementary School in the Millard School District was selected to represent the State of Nebraska at the World Children's Day celebration this coming Sunday, April 23rd, at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. The school will be represented by their Student Council President, Brock Beran, Vice-President, Amanda Bodzek, and their school principal, Jed Johnston. The World Children's Day is the fourth Sunday in

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every April and was established to give children an opportunity to speak up on issues related to their future. They will symbolically govern the world for one day. The World Children's Day Foundation anticipates children representing 133 countries to gather to the United Nations, and consistent with the Foundation's theme of how can you, as a child, represent...contribute to world peace, the Bryan Student Council sponsored a Friendship Week, and as a result of that Friendship Week, children were involved in recording over 50,000 acts of friendship between themselves and in the community of Omaha. I would urge the body to pass this resolution to show our appreciation towards the Bryan Elementary School having this Friendship Week as well as sponsoring the State of Nebraska in this manner. I think Senator Chizek might have a couple of words as well.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Yeah, I would just ask the body to support this resolution. I think it is very important. I think it is meaningful. I think it causes involvement for the young people or from the young people, and I think all of us appreciate their involvement at all levels. So I would urge your adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of LR 79. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 79.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. If you will take your seats, we will get ready for Final Reading, please. I might explain to the students visiting this morning that the Legislature is required to listen to each bill before voting on it in its final stage, and this is required. However, it is unlikely you will understand what the Clerk is saying because he goes a little fast, but the members of the Legislature have been through this bill and these bills so that they know what is in them even though you won't be able to understand what the Clerk is reading. Mr. Clerk, LB 508.

CLERK: (Read LB 508 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having

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LB 809
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PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning as our chaplain of the day Reverend William Thornton of the Second Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the invocation.

REVEREND THORNTON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Thornton, we appreciate that. Roll call, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Do you have any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 809 by Senator Byars. LR 79 is now ready for your signature, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (See pages 1857-58 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We ready to move on to the resolutions, number 82.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 82, offered by Senators Pirsch and Lindsay, is found on page 1811 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature to commend and applaud the efforts of 120 students who participated in the Academic Decathlon.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, indeed, we do want to remember those 120 students from 20 schools who have put in a lot of effort and work in the competition called the Academic Decathlon. The idea for the Academic Decathlon came from Dr. Robert Peterson, Superintendent of the Orange County Schools in California. He wanted to develop a mechanism to motivate students at all grade levels to strive for academic excellence. In 1968 the first Academic Decathlon was held in Orange County. And in '79 the competition involved the entire State of California. In 1982 the competition became a national

and continued interest in the competition that these young people are able to participate in. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of LR 82. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 82.

PRESIDENT: The legislative resolution is adopted. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 79. Take up LR 83, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 83, offered by Senator Lynch and a majority of the membership, asking the Legislature to urge all citizens of the state to join in the observation of Worker's Memorial Day in honor of all workers who have been killed, injured or sickened by occupational hazards.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. President, members, rather than reading the whole resolution I would just like to read the last paragraph which says, whereas, April 28, 1989, the anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, AFL-CIO will sponsor a Workers' Memorial Day to help bring to light the full scope of workplace injury and disease, and to assist the labor movement in its efforts to prevent needless loss of limb, life and health. And it asks the Legislature to urge all citizens to join in the observations of Workers' Memorial Day in honor of all workers who have been killed, injured or sickened by occupational hazards. The reason for this isn't to draw attention to any misery, obviously. But it is important because it does draw attention to a group of people, the largest segment of our population nationally, that in fact every day, for those of us that used to work at the tools I can tell you for sure, and for those who work in hazardous employment, like agriculture, for example, have to, every day, face sometimes very dangerous circumstances in the normal course of our occupation. I think it's important for us to recognize, because of the sheer numbers of people who are killed and seriously injured, that there is a degree of respect and understanding on the part of all of us that these kinds of circumstances exist. I think this resolution simply encourages all of us to cooperate with each other in business, and in labor, and in government, to