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of total revision. Don't try to make up for mistakes you made in LB 775 and LB 773 by trying to compensate for it by passing this type of bill. Two wrongs do not make a right. If you make a mistake one place, correct that mistake. Don't make another mistake trying to rectify a mistake that you made previously.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. May I read some items first, however.

PRESIDENT: Yes, please do.

CLERK: I have amendments to be printed to LB 739 by Senators McFarland and Wesely. (See pages 1814-17 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, amendments to LB 603 to be printed. (See pages 1817-18 of the Legislative Journal.)

New resolution, LR 83 offered by Senator Lynch and a number of the members. (Read brief description of LR 83. See pages 1818-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

Enrollment and Review reports LB 429, LB 683, LB 683A and LB 767 to Select File. (See pages 1819-21 of the Legislative Journal.)

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

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm going to withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to withdraw that? It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, on the advancement of the bill. Senator Warner, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President, I rise at this point to

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

try to do what we can to prevent this unnecessary and needless injury and death. It profits all of us to do that, but it also saves an awful lot of personal misery for those people who are the families of and friends and loved ones of those injured. So I would respectfully ask, and I, as I ask I want to thank the 44 senators who signed this resolution, to support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, thank you. I would just rise in support of LR 83. This is a national event being sponsored by the AFL-CIO, and I would urge your support. It does recognize, as Senator Lynch said, the hidden people that are injured daily in all sorts of occupations throughout the country. As the resolution states, every now and then someone makes the headlines and it becomes a big opportunity to have an event in the press to discuss a single incident that was unsafe and someone was hurt. But this resolution honors those that don't make the headlines and don't make the print, the thousands of workers that are injured who just kind of slip into obscurity and finish their life off completely altered from what their expectations were when they started the day before they were injured. I'd urge your support of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, support Senator Lynch's resolution. I did happen to know...I did agree, just for the record, to have my name on the resolution. But I see it was missed, so it certainly was not intentional on my part, and I do support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is....Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise to support this resolution. I read it, maybe some of you didn't. And I did some research on it. It is amazing that the number of those who are injured and killed on the job, for whatever reason, deserve the respect and the observation of this week. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record,

Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 83.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Move on to Final Reading of LR 2CA. Mr. Clerk, you have something on the bill (sic)?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to bracket LR 2 until January 3, 1990.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, this will just take a couple of minutes I think. I just want to rise once again and raise an issue with the vote on the constitutional amendment, LR 2, this morning. We went through the debate last time and Senator Schmit had raised some issues, and Senator Johnson amended the bill, but it has been such a short period of time since then, I have just simply been unable to pursue a handout that I distributed at that time talking about agricultural property tax treatment. Now the bottom line of the studies and the research that I have seen indicate that ag land values ought to be recognized as being over...overvalued, that we need to provide assistance to our farmers and our agricultural producers, and that some method needs to be developed to do that. My concern is that in looking at that and trying to find, you know, exactly what the best solution would be to the problem, that I did discover several states that have maintained the uniformity clause, which we are trying to strike, in essence, in this amendment, that would maintain uniformity and yet still provide the tax relief on a need basis and a targeted basis that our ag producers and farmers need in this state, and do it across the board. The circuit breaker concept which is used in Michigan and also utilized in Wisconsin I think is a fairer system, one that I think recognizes the potential of renters and providing them with tax relief, in targeting the actual need for tax relief, in trying to do it in uniform fashion. For a number of reasons, there is, I think, a better way to approach this problem than LR 2, satisfying the needs of our agricultural producers and yet still doing it in a fair fashion, one that is, I think, much, much better for many different reasons than what we are proposing in LR 2, and I only raise that simply because I recognize after the studies have come out that LR 2 is a legitimate position in trying to find a

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pleased me this morning since you're allowing me to talk is that one of my close personal friends who is a minister at St. Paul Methodist was our chaplain of the day, Naomi Hall. And it was just wonderful. I don't know if Harland realized that it was wonderful to have her here on my birthday. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Yes, and...

SENATOR CROSBY: And we are going to distribute some goodies after awhile whenever the Pages get organized. So you can enjoy my birthday with me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Fine. Happy birthday to you from all of us and we're happy that you made it and we're also happy that you're seeing to it that we don't lose weight.

SENATOR CROSBY: I'm happy I made it too.

PRESIDENT: Thank you again. Shall we go on to the confirmation report, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb, as Chair of the Transportation Committee, would offer confirmation report that's found on page 1863 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I would recommend that this motion be adopted. There were no negative votes in the committee on these people who were appointed to this board.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the report. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT: The report is adopted. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 82, and LR 83. Move on to General File, LB 586A.

CLERK: Mr. President, we moved 586A.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the Clerk tells me we handled all of them