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LB 83, 126, 614, 722
LR 264, 272, 273

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. May I introduce some guests, please, in the south balcony. Senator Remmers has 49 sixth grade students from Auburn Public Schools in Auburn, Nebraska, and two teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. You folks are from #1 District, aren't you? Glad to have you with us this morning. We're talking about how we're spending the taxpayers' money today so you hit us at a good time. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 264. (See page 2338 of the Legislative Journal.) The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator Warner regarding LB 83. (See page 2339 of the Legislative Journal.) New resolution by Senator Remmers asking the Legislature to recognize the years of service of Mr. L. Wheeler, former athletic director and longtime coach at Peru State College. (Re: LR 272.)

Senator Vard Johnson has amendments to 126, Senator Schmit to 614. And I also have a new resolution, Mr. President, by Senator Vickers and others asking that the Legislature request rail management to discontinue operating trains more than one mile in length. (Re: LR 273 as found on pages 2340-41 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President, as well.

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to 722 is offered by Senator Vard Johnson. It is found on page 2204.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just because I lost the last one doesn't mean I'm not going to come back. Like the Phoenix rising from the ashes, I'm back. This amendment in effect would fund our public transportation aid program entirely from user fees. This is kind of interesting, and this amendment in effect would shift \$1.8 million from the general fund obligation to the user fee obligation in the Department of Roads. Now the last amendment would have shifted \$8.5 million. This is a shift of \$1.8 million. What we currently do, colleagues, is we currently provide local public transportation agencies like the Lincoln Transportation Authority or the Omaha Metropolitan Area