

January 11, 1996 LB 645, 1180-1185
LR 41, 296

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 384 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 23 nays on the amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment fails. I raise the call. Chair calls on Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I would announce that we will be leaving the rules debate at this point and will be returning to the rules debate after we transact the next item of business. I would move at this point that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the state of Nebraska to the legislative chamber to deliver his State of the State address.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. The committee appointed consists of the following senators: Senator Bohlke, Senator Brashear, Senator Bromm, Senator Brown, and Senator Crosby. If you will please proceed to escort the Governor to the chambers. And while they are doing so, Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, items, if I may. Senator Brown has selected Legislative Bill (sic)...LR 41CA as her priority issue for the session. Hearing notices from Education Committee. New resolution, LR 296 offered by Senator Wickersham involving Chadron State College. That will be laid over. New bill. (Read LB 1180-1185 by title for the first time.) Amendments. (Senator Abboud proposed AM2699 to LB 645. See pages 384-89 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Madam President, your committee now escorting the Governor of the great state of Nebraska, Ben Nelson.

GOVERNOR BEN NELSON: Please be seated. Madam President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, and my fellow Nebraskans, five years ago, I stood before this Chamber to deliver my first State of the State address. As I prepared for my address today I reflected on that first speech and I had two observations. I was struck by the tremendous amount of positive change that has occurred in Nebraska. Working together, we have met challenges by turning them into opportunities. We have delivered on promises. We've made a difference. I also