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CLERK: Continue reading Governor's message. (Found on pages 1312-13 of Journal). Attached thereto are copies of an Attorney General's opinion, correspondence from the Director of Administrative Services and an amendment by Senator Carpenter. In addition, Mr. President, under date of March 22, we have received engrossed legislative bills 625, 629, 733, 808, 812, 911, 942, 949, 951, 961, 1007, 1011 and 1015 and re-engrossed LB614. These bills were signed by me on March 22 and delivered to the Secretary of State. Yours truly, J. James Exon, Governor. Mr. President, notice of committee hearing will be inserted in the Journal. Your committee on Enrollment Review, Mr. President, reports we have examined LB826 and find the same correctly re-engrossed, LB1028 correctly engrossed, and LB1028A correctly engrossed. Signed, John Cavanaugh, Chairman. Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB721 and find the same correctly enrolled. Signed, John Cavanaugh, Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Senator from Genoa.

SENATOR NORE: One statement to make that I hope that all the relatives and friends of these people in these so-called rest homes will write their senators and tell them the real facts of what's going on. I have a letter from a 12-year old grandson whose mother is in a home. He says, please come without any notice. Now, he says that, now this is a 12-year-old boy writing about his grandmother. He says come unannounced. He says that when the state supervisor comes around, the home is advised a week ahead of time and so everything is fine. And there seems to be a general opinion that these folks who are senile probably because of age and other reasons are being...are not getting the service that they should have. Medical service and other services. And I would hope that all friends and relatives of folks who are incarcerated in these rest homes will write to their senators and tell them how it is. And we will try to act accordingly to solve the problem.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am about to sign and do sign LB721. Senator from Crofton.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. We have had a lot of discussion on many phases of LB1054. But I'm at a loss yet and I think it probably was explained and I was not listening as diligently as maybe I should have. But it's difficult to find in this bill exactly what has been done about the Regional Center at Norfolk as indicated on the floor here that many of us here have interests in various phases of these bills and we were assured last year by the new administrator prior to his recognition by this Body, Mr. Jack Anderson, that the Norfolk Regional Center would stay at least 150 residents whether they be in-patients or out-patients. But there would be sufficient room and dollars involved for these and now, of course, we have the additional burden of the soldiers using some of the buildings. Soldiers and sailors. But I would like to ask Senator Marvel if he would yield exactly where are we in this bill for the dollars allocated for the Regional Center and if this will, is sufficient to finance for 150 patients at that place? I think it's important that we use the existing facilities in this area rather than to have our patients from Northeast Nebraska taken to Hastings,