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LB 534, 535

PRESIDENT: Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have, pursuant to certain Nebraska Revised Statutes actuarial evaluation of the following retirement systems: State Patrolmen's Retirement System, Nebraska Judges Retirement System, Nebraska School Retirement System, Nebraska State Employees Retirement System, Nebraska County Employees Retirement System. Those will be on file in my office.

Mr. President, new bills, LB 534. (Read title.) LB 535. (Read title.) (See pages 357 and 358, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lowell Johnson, would you like to make an announcement and a presentation to the Legislature. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and fellow members of the Nebraska Legislature, it is my privilege this morning to introduce you all to a popping good product from Popcorn Village in my home town of North Bend, the Popcorn Capital of the World. The Blevins Pop Corn Company is the kind owner of your bag of popcorn this morning and it is one of our most valuable industries in North Bend with a major payroll for our city. Popcorn is also one of the major products of Nebraska and our great state led the nation in 1980 production with over 180 million pounds from 61,000 acres. This harvest represented 34% of production in the U.S, and our own farm at North Bend diverts about 25% of our productive capacity to the production of popcorn. The Blevins Pop Corn Company processed about 30 million pounds of popcorn last year in North Bend and has shipped worldwide to such countries as Japan, Thailand, England, Venezuela and to all of our armed forces centers everywhere. So please have a popping good time this morning with this truly North Bend, Nebraska, product.

PRESIDENT: We have Senator Don Wagner who wants to either add to the commercial or add some words to the commercial. Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, I just would like to tell Senator Johnson that that popcorn was grown in North Loup, Nebraska. So you can import it down here and bring it out. That is real fine, and we do have the Blevins Pop Corn up there, too, Senator Johnson. Thank you very kindly. We will be kind of like in competition here but we can also work together.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I will respond to that