

name as co-introducer to LB 66.

PRESIDENT: Without objection, so ordered.

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President. I do have one thing further, Mr. President. Senator Vard Johnson would like to announce the decision by the Executive Board regarding the membership of the Retirement Committee, Mr. President. That was done pursuant to statute in late December. (See page 207 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: May we have your attention please. (Gavel.) I believe the Speaker has a word for us this morning. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (LR 2.) Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I could have your attention a moment. Members of the Legislature, I know I have the President's...if I could have your attention a moment, I would like to say something to you that I don't know if it is in my authority or not, but I would like to suggest it to you for your consideration and that is this. We are making headway with the group that is going to Washington. Our resolution limited that to 20. I think that it will probably create a problem for Senator Chronister, head of the Committee on Committees, if we limit that to 20. I know that there are going to be a few more than 20 that want to go. If we are going to limit it to 20, we'll be cutting out perhaps some new senators who are very interested in going, and perhaps some members of the Ag Committee which should be going, in my opinion. I'm simply asking that, since I think that about somewhere between 20 and 30 members would like to go, that we make the number a bigger number than 20, perhaps 30. I think it would be all right to let those go that want to go. I don't think we would abuse it because I know that some do not want to go. So I'm suggesting to you, and, Senator Vickers, if it is with your consent, I would suggest that we open that up to let those go that want to go, since we are going to attempt to make a big thing of this. It looks like we are going to get cooperation of the press and some of the other states so that those who want to go could go. Would this be okay with you, Senator Vickers?

SENATOR VICKERS: I just now got here, Senator Nichol. I apologize. But I understand you are suggesting that possibly we could have more than 20 in our delegation to