

January 16, 1981

LB 95, 247-283

Mr. President, Senator Schmit would like to have a meeting of the Ag Committee underneath the North balcony now if he could, and it is Ag Committee underneath the North balcony with Senator Schmit, immediately if possible.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will be at ease until Speaker Marvel determines that we will go back.

EASE

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come to order just for the purpose of the Clerk reading some matters into the record. Mr. Clerk, you may proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Clark would like to announce that Senator Goodrich has been selected as vice chairman of the Telecommunications Committee.

Mr. President, new bills. Read LB 247-265 by title as found on pages 205-209 of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, your committee on Appropriations gives notice of agency hearings for Monday, January 26, signed by Senator Warner as chairman.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will continue to stand at ease until approximately 11:15 a.m.

CLERK: Meet in Room 1517 at eleven o'clock? The Executive Board in Room 1517 at eleven o'clock.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come back to order. The Clerk has some matters to read in.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a reference report referring LB 172-205 and rereferring LB 95. (See page 213 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have new bills. (Read by title, LB 266-283 as found on pages 214-218 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that is all the matters that I have this morning.

PRESIDENT: Any other messages on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, I have nothing further.

PRESIDENT: In that case the Chair will recognize Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I move we adjourn until Monday, January 19, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.

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LB 5, 49, 72, 73, 74, 124,
128, 176, 279, 419, 462, 476.

to whom was referred LB 128 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File, LB 462 to General File. (Signed) Senator Fowler as Chair.

Your Committee on Business and Labor whose Chairman is Senator Maresh to whom was referred LB 176 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File, 279 General File. (Signed) Senator Maresh, Chair.

Mr. President, your Committee on Constitutional Revision and Recreation whose Chairman is Senator Labeledz to whom was referred LB 5 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File; 476 to General File with amendments; 49 indefinitely postponed and 419 indefinitely postponed; LB 72 General File with amendments; LB 73 indefinitely postponed, and LB 74 advanced to General File with amendments. (See pages 559 and 560 of the Legislative Journal.) (Signed) Senator Labeledz, Chair.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The next order of business is LB 124.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 124 offered by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 13. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I move to advance LB 124 to E & R Initial. This is a Miscellaneous Subjects Committee bill and this bill consists of four sections. The first section, if you are following along, establishes legislative intent in relation to liquor control. It also establishes that it is the Legislature's intent to control and regulate all liquor transported into the state with the same regulations affecting liquor produced within the state. The second section establishes conditions which must be met before a retail or a bottle club liquor license can be obtained from the Liquor Commission. An applicant must be fit, willing and able to provide the service proposed as described in the application. An applicant must conform to all provisions, requirements, rules and regulations. The premises for the proposed service are or will be required by present or future public convenience and necessity.

February 27, 1981

LB 176, 279

Just withdraws his objection, we can pass over it and get her squared away and I would ask Elroy to withdraw it. Is that okay, Elroy? See, everybody is happy.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the bill will be laid over until Monday. What is the next, 279

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 279 was introduced by Senator Chronister. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 16. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, the intent of LB 279 is quite simple. Now you may say, we have all heard that before, but in this case, it is absolutely true. LB 279 would amend a section of the Nebraska Employment Security Law to bring it into conformity with provisions of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Therefore, under LB 279, a Nebraska employer would receive consistent treatment under both the state and the federal unemployment contribution laws. The new language is taken directly from a 1977 amendment to the federal unemployment statutes that were effective in 1979. It provides that when two or more related corporations concurrently employ the same individual and pay such individual through a common paymaster, each related corporation will pay state unemployment contributions on the basis of wages actually paid by such related corporation to such individual. Each related corporation will not be considered to have paid amounts to such individual actually paid by another related corporation. According to the present federal and state law, unemployment taxes are paid on the first \$6,000 salary per person per year. Under federal law, when one person works for two related corporations and draws, say, \$10,000 per year from each corporation, then for federal purposes the unemployment tax is paid on only one maximum of \$6,000 salary per year. However for state purposes, the unemployment tax is still being paid on \$6,000 salary for each related corporation. If the occasion ever arises that the individual requires these unemployment benefits, he receives the benefits from only one related corporation although both related corporations have paid their contributions. It is inequitable for the State of Nebraska to collect twice and pay only once. No one has offered any opposition to the bill at public hearing. A representative of the Department of Labor testified that the Department was not opposed to this bill. The federal regs contain rather detailed definitions

for the terms "related corporation", "concurrent employment", and "common paymaster". The representative of the Nebraska Department of Labor stated at the hearing that the Department could adopt similar regulations defining these terms. Following this procedure would keep state treatment consistent with federal treatment. The situation covered by this bill comes up very, very infrequently. It involves only a few corporations and a small amount of contributions to the state unemployment fund. It would simplify some accounting procedures used by related corporations. If you permit, I will give you an example. Let's say that Dapper Don Dworak works for two related corporations and he is paid \$10,000 a year by each corporation. Each corporation for state purposes would make contributions to the state. For federal purposes only one corporation pays the tax. Then should Dapper Don for some reason ever lose his job, he can collect from only the amount paid by one corporation. Under the state laws the corporations have paid twice but only the benefits are paid out once. This bill is more a matter of fairness than of money. Congress has already made this change in the federal unemployment law. The bill will only mirror the federal change and, thereby, afford employers consistency in treatment under both state and federal law. I move for the advancement of LB 279. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I urge you to vote for this bill. It is just a housekeeping measure. I am glad that Senator Chronister introduced this bill. It is something that needs to be clarified in our statutes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to advance 279 to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. We now go to a constitutional amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 5 was offered by Senator Chris Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 8. It was referred to the Constitutional Committee for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

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LB 5, 55, 76, 83, 128,
136, 144, 150, 217, 279,
354, 379, 457, 462

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kahle voting aye, Senator Wiitala voting aye, Senator Barrett voting aye.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich, would you record your presence.

CLERK: Senator Vard Johnson voting aye.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 13 nays on adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment to the Beutler amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Do we have other amendments? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Mike not turned on.) ...now, I would move the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Beutler amendment as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. The motion is the advancement of the bill to E & R for engrossment. A machine vote is requested. All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The bill is advanced. Items on the Clerk's desk before we go to the next bill. I would suggest to you that in ten or fifteen minutes we will move into General File as per the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 144 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; 354 Select File; 55 Select File 76 Select File with amendments; 83 Select File with amendments; 217 Select File; 457 Select File; 136 Select File; 128 Select File; 462 Select File with amendments; 279 Select File and LB 5 Select File with amendments. (Signed) Senator Kilgarin. (See pages 728-730 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your committee on Public Health and Welfare whose chairman is Senator Cullan reports LB 379 to General

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LB 144A, 279, 459A

CLERK: I have nothing on the bill, Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL: 279.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 279 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion carried. The bill advanced. LB 5. Unless there is objection we will pass over LB 5 because the introducer is not present. Any objection? If not, it will be passed over. Now, ready for General File, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, LB 459A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 459A was introduced by Senator Fowler. (Read title.) The bill was referred directly to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, this is the A bill for the retirement bill. The amount that is in there is to fund the changes in the judges retirement. There will be... the fiscal staff is now doing a computer projection on the impact of the state employees' change by agency. We have to appropriate it back to each individual agency. So there will be an amendment on Select File that will put those costs at the dollar amounts known for the impact on state employees, but how that is distributed through the different agencies, we need to get a precise computer run and that information should be available by Select File. I would move it be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 459A to E & R for initial. Senator Dworak. All those in favor of advancing the bill to E & R initial vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is advanced. The next bill is 144A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 144A offered by Senator Richard Maresh. (Read LB 144A.)

March 9, 1981

LB 55, 114, 128, 190, 198, 217, 246,
271, 279, 297, 327, 388, 434, 462,
407, 258

fellows walk around lobbying for this bill. They say, we hear you are against our bill, Rex, we are going to...we have some lobbyists working against you. They are sure are. They have been working their heads off this morning. I don't mind standing up here all alone, I have done it before, but I would like to have you fellows stop and think, we are only raising it from 6 to 8. They had a profit, a net profit of forty million in 1979. Thirty percent crosses the state. So I will ask for you to think down the road, raise it the two percent and then we will go from there. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is the Haberman amendment to legislative bill 190. All those in favor vote Aye, opposed vote No. Have you all voted? O.K. Record the vote.

CLERK: Eight Ayes. Fifteen Nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: O.K. The motion lost. Now do you have some items to read in?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While you are bringing them up, the Chairmen of the various committees have received a note this morning that we will meet tomorrow at 8:30a.m. in Room 2102. We need to start talking about priorities. If you will look at the sheet, you will find that this is the 39th day. Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 55 and find the same correctly engrossed; 114, 128, 217, 246, 279, 388, 434, 462, all correctly engrossed.

Mr. President, your Committee on Government reports LB 407 to General File. (Signed) Senator Kahle). LB 297 indefinitely postponed. Your Banking Committee whose Chairman is Senator DeCamp reports LB 271 to General File with amendments. (Signed) Senator DeCamp. (See page 809 of the Legislative Journal.) Miscellaneous Subjects Committee whose Chairman is Senator Hefner reports LB 258 to General File with amendments. (See pages 809 and 810 of the Legislative Journal.) (Signed) Senator Hefner. Your Banking Committee reports 327 to General File with amendments. (See page 810 of the Legislative Journal.)

Finally, Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 198 in the Legislative Journal. (See pages 810 through 815 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Peterson, will you adjourn us until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. Howard Peterson.

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LB 217, 246, 279, 388

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 878 and 879 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 27 ayes, 20 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading LB 246.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 246 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law subject to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 879 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading LB 246. LB 279, sorry.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 279 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law subject to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. LB 279 on Final Reading. Announce the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 880 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. We now go to LB 388.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 388 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 881 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading

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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Prayer by Reverend Larry Spader, Central Alliance Church.

REVEREND SPADER: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. While we are waiting to get everyone checked in this morning we will take this opportunity to introduce from Senator Wesely's district some 9 students from Riley Elementary School here in Lincoln, Mrs. Barth and Mrs. Frogge, teachers. They are up here in the North balcony. Would you welcome Riley Elementary School up here in the North balcony. Welcome to your Legislature. Record the presence.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A quorum being present, are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Journal will stand correct as published. Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined LB 56 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; 313 Select File; 84 Select File; 47 Select File with amendments, (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair.

Mr. President, engrossed LBs 55, 114, 128, 217, 246, 279, 388, 434, 462 and LR 33 and 34 are ready for your signatures.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of doing business I propose to sign and I do sign LB 55, LB 114, 128, 217, 279, 388, 434, 462, LR 33 and LR 34. We will proceed then with Final Reading. The Sergeant at Arms will secure the floor. All members of the Legislature will please return to your desks and as soon as everyone is at your place we will commence with Final Reading. All unauthorized personnel, non-legislative personnel will leave the floor of the Legislature. We are on Final Reading. We are awaiting Final Reading then. All legislators will be at their desks. We will commence with Final Reading.

CLERK: Mr. President, while we are waiting...

PRESIDENT: Go ahead, Mr. Clerk.

March 17, 1981

LR 21, 30
LB 24, 38, 51, 55, 83, 114, 128,
136, 150, 154, 195, 217, 246, 250,
272, 275, 279, 288, 302, 325, 354,
388, 409, 434, 444, 457, 462, 515

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

REVEREND RON WASIKOWSKI: (Prayer offered. Microphone not on. See page 951, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record your presence. Record.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Did you have any other items?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, first of all, the Journal is without error this morning.

Mr. President, a communication from the Governor addressed to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LBs 55, 83, 114, 128, 136, 150, 154, 195, 217, 246, 272, 275, 279, 288, 325, 354, 388, 409, 434, 457, 462, 24, 38, and 51. See pages 951 and 952, Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a series of Attorney General opinions. One to Senator DeCamp regarding the Executive Board and the powers thereof; one to Senator DeCamp regarding payment of salary; one to Senator Nichol regarding LB 515.

Mr. President, your committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs whose Chairman is Senator Kahle reports LB 250 to General File with amendments; LB 444 to General File with amendments. Signed Senator Kahle as Chair.

Your committee on Public Works whose Chairman is Senator Kremer reports LB 302 to General File with amendments and Public Works reports LR 21 back to the Legislature with amendments. Signed by Senator Kremer as Chair.

SPEAKER MARVEL: From Senator Barrett's District in the North balcony it is my privilege to introduce 19 senior high students from St. Ann's Catholic School, Lexington, Nebraska. Mr. Roger Lucas, Government teacher; Dr. Phillip Vreeland, English teacher. Will you hold up your hand so we can see where you are and greet you? Okay, we will go to item #4.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first resolution is offered by Senator Dworak. It is LR 28. It is found on page 737 of the Journal.

Mr. President, while Senator Dworak is missing, LR 30 by Senator Vickers. It is found on page 787. (Read.) That resolution, Mr. President, is found on page 787 of the Journal.