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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 nonping 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 coocorn 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

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LB 174, 89, 181, 534, 535

SENATOR FENGER: Mr. Speaker, I would urge consideration of adoption of LB 174 at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: All those in favor of advancement of the bill please vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion carried. Bill is advanced. We will now have the changing of the guard.

CLERK: Mr. President, while the guard is changing, I have a report from Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee reporting LB 534 as indefinitely postponed; and LB 535 advanced to General File. That is signed by Senator Labedz.

Mr. President, your committee on Public Works whose chairman is Senator Kremer reports LB 181 to General File with amendments. Signed by Senator Kremer.

Mr. President, I have a gubernatorial appointment confirmation list submitted by the Constitution Revision and Recreation Committee.

Mr. President, LB 89 is a bill introduced by Senator Shirley Marsh. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 12, referred to the Judiciary Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I move that LB 89 be advanced to E & R Initial. The purpose of LB 89 is to add a judge to the Third Judicial District. I will share some supporting evidence of why there is a statistical need. I will share some information about the unique nature of the caseload in this district which requires that we have another judge available in the Third District to assure efficient administration of justice. The Third Judicial District consists of Lancaster County, Lancaster County, an area of 845 square miles, and the 1980 census shows a population of approximately 192,000 people.

