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many in today as you can prior to the time of our recess until this afternoon. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read LB 20-30 for the first time as found on pages 80-82 of the Legislative Journal. Read LR 1 as found on pages 82-83 of the Journal. Mr. President, pursuant to our rules LR 1 will be laid over.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first motion I would like to make is that committee chairmen please get with the members of your committee before ten o'clock tomorrow morning at which time you can turn in a report to the Clerk as to who the other officers of your committee may be, by ten o'clock tomorrow morning. You can do it now if you want to. Is that enough of that?

PRESIDENT: All right, are there any questions by any of the committee chairpersons on that? As I understand it, Mr. Speaker, you are asking the committee chairpersons to call the committee together between now and tomorrow morning to get that done?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Okay, any questions? Anything further, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now do you want me to read the escorts for this afternoon?

PRESIDENT: That will be fine if you would like to do that. If the members of the Legislature would listen. The Speaker is going to advise you as to who will be selected to escort the various people on the ceremonies this afternoon.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The green sheets indicate the inaugural ceremonies and if you will turn to that particular sheet we will give you the recommendations that we have for escorts. So we start with the Board of Education and Senator Landis will escort his father. Senator Koch will escort Mr. Monahan. Senator Goll will escort Mr. Thompson and Senator Warner will escort Mrs. Greene. The second category, escorting Mr. Payne led by Senator Cope, also including Senator Chronister and Senator Pirsch. So there will be three escorting Mr. Payne and of the three escorts, since Senator Cope comes from Kearney he will lead the parade. The third category has to do with Public Service Commission and Eric Rasmussen will be escorted by Senator Maresh and Jack Romans will be

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CLERK: Well, certainly, I...excuse me, Senator, for interrupting.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go right ahead.

CLERK: If you have resolutions that you want to offer?

SENATOR MARFSH: No, I do not but I say there may be people that are thinking of having a resolution later on that this might be a good time to introduce the resolution.

CLERK: That is right, absolutely. Certainly, that is true.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I would just like to add to Mr. Marvel's comments about the rules changes. If you are interested in the changes that are going to take place, remember I sent out a summary of rules changes. If you misplaced that copy, ask me and I have more copies that I can share with you so that you can anticipate some of the key questions that will come up Monday and if you do have any questions about rules changes please ask me and I will try to answer them for you and work with you in anticipation of Monday's rules debate.

PRESIDENT: Any further questions? Thank you, Speaker Marvel. We have next on the agenda...Mr. Clerk, proceed with the reading into the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a report from the Executive Board regarding the Chaplain. The report is done in compliance with their meeting of January 8. The following motion was adopted. (Read report as found on page 96 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Koch would like to have his name added to LB 40 as coinroducer.

PRESIDENT: On Senator Koch, any objections? If not, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cullan would like to announce that Senator Wesely has been selected as vice chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, we have next on the agenda, LR 1, that resolution and I was wondering if you wanted to take it up at this time or, I see that Senator Chambers is not here.

SENATOR LANDIS: I am the primary author of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: So you want to proceed with it? Why don't we just take it up then. Mr. Clerk, we will take up the resolution. Agenda #5, resolution, LR 1. We will take it up at this time.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 1 was offered by Senator Landis and Senator Chambers. It may be found on page 82 of the Legislative Journal. It reads as follows. (Read LR 1.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is a pleasure to introduce this legislation, this resolution on behalf of myself and Senator Chambers and at the request of constituents of mine in the 46th District. This resolution is inspired by a request from the Malone Community Center, an important community center in my area that services the needs of vast and important neighborhood and cultural area in the City of Lincoln. Martin Luther King Day is recognized by state law. I don't know if you are aware of Sections 84-104.02 and 84-104.03 but in fact, we do now by statute order the observance of Martin Luther King Day and commend to the Governor the rectitude of issuing a proclamation urging people to observe that day as well as requesting the State Department of Education to, with what limited funds they have, promulgate and distribute information about Martin Luther King to schools so that school children may learn about his most important, significant and accomplishment-filled life. Martin Luther King was instrumental in politics and in the seminal legislation of the sixties, the '65 Voting Rights Act and the '64 Civil Rights Act. He was also recognized by the award of the Nobel Peace Prize. I can't imagine a more fitting and significant accolade to be given to anyone but Martin Luther King was one of the only two Americans to be given that award in the entire decade of the sixties. I would commend to the Legislature the passage of this resolution in recognition of the life of Martin Luther King, a life that was marked by accomplishment, compassion and unswerving devotion to the attainment of social justice. I hope that the body will see fit to pass this resolution with a full majority and send it on to the Governor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you wish to add anything at this time? Any further discussion then on LR 1? The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have a question. Senator Landis, would this make this a legal holiday? In other words are state employees going to be paid for taking the day off or businesses going to be

encouraged to give the day off with pay?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well now, the Governor does have a chance to save \$30,000 if he wants to by sending the employees out, however, this does not constitute a legal holiday nor does it constitute any attempt to recognize a special vacation day for either state employees or private employees. It is simply a day of celebration and recognition of the contributions of Martin Luther King.

SENATOR NICHOL: If this is already a holiday what difference would this resolution make from the way the holiday sits now and if this resolution should pass?

SENATOR LANDIS: What we have is we have a statute indicating and naming this as a day. The resolution recommends to the people that this day be observed as, for example in the City of Lincoln, we have a planned parade, we have a festivity at Lincoln High School in honoring the memory and legacy of Martin Luther King. The resolution does not heighten the legalities of the day but calls attention to them and indicates that the Legislature commends the day to the people for its observation and chance to recognize Martin Luther King.

SENATOR NICHOL: Is your next proposal to make this a legal holiday whereby state employees as well as other employees will be encouraged to have the day off with pay or is your intention not to follow such procedure?

SENATOR LANDIS: If you introduce the bill, Senator Nichol, I will certainly give it every consideration. I don't expect to myself.

SENATOR NICHOL: No, I just want for the record what your intentions are and what the intention of this bill is, whether or not it should be a legal holiday where people are paid for not working another day. This is my...

SENATOR LANDIS: That is not my intention.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you. In other words, your intention is that it should not be a holiday in where people are encouraged to take the day off with pay?

SENATOR LANDIS: That is not the intention of this resolution.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you.

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PRESIDENT: Will there be further discussion on LR 1. Senator Landis, you may close. No close, all right. The question before the House is the adoption of LR 1 found on page 82 of the Journal. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The resolution, LR 1, is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk, before we ...?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir, I have a new resolution offered by Senators Goll and DeCamp. (Read LR 2 as found on pages 96-97 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, pursuant to our rules, that resolution will be laid over.

PRESIDENT: We are ready then for the introduction of new bills. I would hope that all of you who have bills ready for introduction will get them up to the Clerk's desk so that we can expedite the reading in and introduction of new bills. Proceed, Mr. Clerk, with the reading of the new bills.

CLERK: Read LB 52-60 by title for the first time as found on pages 97-98.

Mr. President, if I could interrupt for just a moment, Senator Landis would like to have a meeting of the Urban Affairs Committee underneath the North balcony now for purposes of organizing, Urban Affairs Committee under the North balcony right now, Mr. President.

Read LB 61-65 by title for the first time as found on page 99 of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, Senator Lamb would like to have the Reference Committee of the Executive Board meet underneath the North balcony right now, that is Executive Board underneath the North balcony.

Read LB 66-67 as found on pages 99-100 of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, the Reference Committee would like to meet in the area where Senator Lamb is standing for purposes of referencing bills, Reference Committee over in the area where Senator Lamb is.

Read LB 68 by title for the first time as found on page 100 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and the temporary rules are adopted for the twelfth day of January, 1981. The Chair recognizes Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as has been I guess what now has become a tradition, I am happy to have in the front of the Chamber in front of the Clerk's desk the apples for this year from Nebraska City. With some degree of apology, I give them to you for your pleasure. This year the crop was short. The delicious apples were placed in storage early and have not kept as well as they usually do. However, these are a Winesap apple that are solid and juicy, a little more tart than the delicious apple but we believe you will enjoy them equally as well. Just to prove that Nebraskans are willing to make change, we have made a change this year but hopefully next year the delicious will be back in. Keep the doctor away and eat an apple a day and remember they come from the ground that J. Sterling Morton owned on which these apples grew. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Carsten. We always look forward to the apple day. Mr. Clerk, we are then ready for any messages, reports or announcements.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have the lobby registrations report as of January 9. The names will be inserted in the Legislative Journal. (See pages 106-112 of the Journal.) In addition I have on file in my office an exhibit plan from the Nebraska State Historical Society Museum.

Mr. President, Senator Goodrich would like to have his name added to LB 40 as co-introducer.

PRESIDENT: No objections, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 1 is ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of doing business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 1. We are now ready for agenda item #5, resolutions and, Mr. Clerk, you may read LR 2.

CLERK: (Read LR 2.) Mr. President, again, it may be found on page 96 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President, John G. Neihardt became a poet laureate of Nebraska in 1921, and although I am not certain what has happened in the past concerning the commemorative postal stamps, it is my understanding that