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LB 239, 212, 585, 657, 662,
669, 729, 758, 448

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin, do you wish to move the bill?

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 239.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is to advance 239. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. LB 410. We want to pass over that bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may, right before we get to that, Senator Johnson would like to print amendments to LB 212 in the Legislative Journal.

I have a new resolution, Mr. President, LR 210. (Read. See page 482, Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

Mr. President, your committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs whose Chairman is Senator Kahle reports LB 585 indefinitely postpone; LB 662 advanced to General File; LB 729 advanced to General File, all signed by Senator Kahle, as Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, your committee on Appropriations whose Chairman is Senator Warner to whom we referred LB 657 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be indefinitely postponed; 669 indefinitely postponed; and 758 indefinitely postponed, all signed by Senator Warner as Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: LB 278. We will pass over 278. It has a Goodrich-Beutler amendment on it and they are both excused. We will go to 126. That has Beutler amendments on it. Go to 448.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 448, there are E & R amendments pending.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 448.

SENATOR CLARK: You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The E & R amendments are adopted. Next amendment please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Warner. It is found on page 462 of the Journal.

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for your consideration the appointment of Michael Jess to the Department of Water Resources Director position, and Duane Acklie to the State Highway Commission. We heard these two appointments a couple of weeks ago and voted favorably with no opposition to their appointments and would ask you to rule favorably on this motion. I move that they be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Seeing no lights, that is your opening and closing. All those in favor of the report as explained by Senator Wesely vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the report.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The report is adopted. We now turn to the Public Health and Welfare Committee report. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would move that this report be accepted. The Public Health and Welfare Committee after a hearing, voted to confirm the appointments of Dr. Ron Houser to the Board of Health and Mr. Ken Wall to the Rural Health Manpower Commission or as Director of the Rural Health Manpower Commission. I would urge you to adopt the committee report.

SPEAKER MARVEL: That is your opening and closing. All those in favor of the motion as explained by Senator Cullan vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the report.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the report is adopted. Now we go to item #5, resolutions.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 210 offered by Senators Wiitala, Beutler, Vard Johnson, Rumery, Newell, Chambers, Landis, Labeledz, Koch, Marsh and Burrows. That's found on page 482 of the Journal. (Read LR 210).

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are about 15 names on this resolution. Do we have volunteers to make a presentation? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes. Mr. President and members of the body, are we speaking on the resolution now?

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SPEAKER MARVEL: It is LR 210.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay. Mr. President, LR 210 is the extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Basically, this had a sunset clause in Congress. It comes up for reconsideration and passage again this year. The Voting Rights Act has worked very well in terms of ensuring minorities and others in the south that they have access to the polls like every other citizen. I would encourage this body to send this memorialization to Congress and to our Congressional delegation and encourage them to support the extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will pass. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, wherever Senator Remmers comes from I have to say they certainly grow them tall. I have to reach up high to even get to the little knob to bring this microphone down to within range. But nevertheless, I support this resolution. I cosponsored it as did a number of other Senators, and it is essential that this Voting Rights bill be extended. There have been indications by the President and members of his administration that if poor people will organize their lobbies and put pressure on local politicians, when the deep cuts come that are proposed by his budget man, David Stockman, the poor and their lobby will be able to use political clouts to bring about changes and protect their interests. But if in the areas where the poor people need the vote the most they are not allowed to vote, they are prevented from voting through stratagems and intimidation, then all of that is so much sound and fury signifying nothing that the President is saying. So all that this bill would do, this resolution would do is say that the Voting Rights Act which has been in effect and has increased the ability of certain people in certain parts of the country to vote whereas they wouldn't be able to vote, we are simply saying, continue a good thing in the way that it is going. And in order not to take much time on this because there may be other issues coming up that I will speak on, I want to tell you one thing and you ought to make note of it. That man sitting across the aisle from me in the gray suit, Senator Newell, has tried me sorely this session and will probably try me sorely some more

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before the session is over. So when you can see Senator Newell and I on the same side of an issue, then as Aristotle said, that when you get even enemies to agree on a proposition, you can rest assured that the proposition probably is true and has value. So although Senator Newell is often wrong, he is very right this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, your light is on.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, that is what makes me nervous about this resolution is having Senator Chambers and Senator Newell on the same side. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on LR 210. Who requested a record vote? Senator Landis. Okay. Have you all voted?

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 557 and 558 of the Legislative Journal). 39 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The resolution is adopted. Before we go to the next item, underneath the north balcony from Senator Rumery's District it is my privilege to introduce Mr. Jess Nielsen who is a constituent of Senator Rumery. Jess, welcome once again to the Unicameral. LR 212.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 212 is on page 511 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, just ask to refer it to a committee, Public Works I suppose and let them do what they want with the resolution. Have a hearing on it or whatever, rather than take up any time at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there an objection to referring this resolution to a committee? Hearing none, so ordered. The item, LR 213.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 213 offered by Senators Landis and Hoagland, found on page 513-514. (Read LR 213).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature,

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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Prayer this morning by Major John Werner of the Salvation Army here in Lincoln.

MAJOR WERNER: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Have you all registered your presence this morning? We're ready.... Record the attendance, Mr. Clerk.

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, two brief items, LR 210 and 213 are 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 210 and LR 213. The Legislature will stand at ease for a moment.

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PRESIDENT: We're ready then for the Legislature to come back to order. We will go to agenda item #4, Select File, LB 274.

CLERK: Mr. President, 274 was last considered on January 26th of this year. At that time the E & R amendments were adopted. There was an amendment from Senator Remmers that was adopted. Mr. President, we now have pending a motion from Senator Sieck to indefinitely postpone the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, it is kind of early in the morning for me to be trying to kill a bill but I feel that this bill does not have much merit. I feel that the insurance companies can provide their own education and some of them are providing their own education and why can't all the insurance companies do this? And I think they are. Now visiting with the insurance agents on health I found that they already have a terrific educational