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LB 454, 408, 628, 353,
LR 216, 217, 218

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten has closed, we will now vote on the advancement of the bill. All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 6 nays on the motion to advance the bill Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is advanced. Clerk has some items on the desk before. . .and after that we will attempt to try to move some bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would like to print amendments to LB 408 in the Journal. (See pages 571-572).

Mr. President, Senator Howard Peterson would like to print amendments to 628, Senator Fowler to 267 and Senator Nichol to 353. (See pages 572-74).

I have a report of registered lobbyists for January 29th through February 4th. That will be inserted in the Journal. (Page 574).

Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs give notice of cancellation and resetting of public hearings.

Mr. President, I have three new resolutions, LR 216 offered by Senator Cullan, (Read LR 216). That will be laid over. LR 217 by Senator Koch, (Read LR 217). LR 218 by Senator Peterson and Senator Hefner (Read LR 218). That too will be laid over Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I would like to give you a list of bills and then we will proceed to attempt to implement. 402, 525, 255, 255A, 435, 589, 115, 115A, 440, 314, 131, 287, 649, 571, 598, 646. Senator Beutler, your light is on.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I think I would like to make a comment on this procedure. I don't know if others operate the same way I do but, when I come in each day I normally look at the ones on the top of the list first on the assumption that we will be dealing with those and in that manner I can prepare for the day. When we skip around like this and we go down to the bottom of a list it seems like I am often caught unprepared and the result of that, I think, is that I end up occasionally on Final Reading suggesting amendments to bills and I'm sure that others are doing this. I'm not sure in the long run, Mr. Speaker, whether there is anything

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LR 216

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, you never get stung by a bee if you eat sugar.

PRESIDENT: We are going to start with LR 216 but please be advised that about five minutes of we are going to interrupt the discussion of LB 216 with the report on the Judiciary, State of the Judiciary Address by the Chief Justice. So about five of we will stop for that report and then proceed with LR 216 if we don't get finished. So Mr. Clerk, will you commence with agenda item #4, LR 216.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 216 offered by Senator Cullan found on page 575 of the Journal. (Read.) Mr. President, I do have a series of amendments to the proposal.

PRESIDENT: We will recognize Senator Cullan for purposes of explaining the resolution. The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think the resolution speaks for itself. It would allow a study committee to be appointed by the Speaker to investigate the feasibility, identify the positive and negative aspects of any possible annexation of the Panhandle of Nebraska into the State of Wyoming. The second point is that there is absolutely no fiscal impact to the State of Nebraska as a result of the study and I think that identifying positive and negative aspects of this type of a move is one which would be beneficial to the Panhandle and certainly beneficial to the State of Nebraska. I would urge you to adopt LR 216.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LR 216? Let's have the amendment then, Mr. Clerk. I guess we will have that first amendment then. First amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have is offered by Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp in LR 216 would insert a new paragraph eight, "That the Legislature finds and declares that the earth is flat and that the area known as the Nebraska Panhandle is flat, that the State of Wyoming has areas of flat lands, therefore, the Nebraska Panhandle should secede from the state and become a part of the State of Wyoming."

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I would inquire as to how many amendments are pending on LR 216?

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PRESIDENT: The Clerk said three, I believe. Now four, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw the resolution.

PRESIDENT: All right, if you want to withdraw it before we take up this amendment, it is withdrawn. Thank you. The Chair poses that we still have about five minutes. Let's take up LR 219.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first request I have is from Senator Wesely to add his name as co-introducer to 219.

PRESIDENT: Unanimous consent has been requested by Senator Wesely to have his name added to LR 219. Any objection. If not, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 219 offered by Senators Fowler, Lamb and Wesely is found on page 637 of the Journal. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, before I recognize you, we would like to recognize some guests we have. First of all we have Congressman Bereuter under the North balcony, our former colleague here in the Legislature. Welcome back to Congressman Bereuter. It is nice to have you back. Also up here in the North balcony we have 8 fourth graders from Douglas Community School in Senator Warner's District with Linda Nelson, their teacher. They can wave to us. They are right up here. Good morning and welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb on LR 219.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as you probably know, the resolution deals with the removal of part of the map making capability of the Soil Conservation Service to Fort Worth, Texas. I guess the main reason that I am in opposition to this resolution is because the General Accounting Office has issued a report that says there is no basis for economic advantages to sending this group down to Texas. I will quote the part of a paragraph. It says, "As a result of our review we have concluded that neither the Service's October 19th proposal nor its supporting data provides an adequate basis for judging the merits of the proposed move to Fort Worth." I would hope we would not spend a lot of time on it. I would just point out that this would result in about 65 job opportunities being lost in the State of Nebraska. I would ask that the resolution be adopted.