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LB 122 - 133

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SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Sieck, Clark, Nichol would like to be excused until they arrive.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have some items to read in now?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a Reference Report from the Executive Board referring LBs 81 through 113. (Signed) Senator Lamb, Chairman. (See page 133, Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new bills: LB 122, title read; LB 123, title read; LB 124, title read; LB 125, title read; LB 126, title read; LB 127, title read; LB 128, title read; LB 129, title read; LB 130, title read; LB 131, title read; LB 132, title read; LB 133, title read. (See pages 134 to 136, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would like to alert you to the schedule for tomorrow. At eight thirty will the chairmen please make a note that we would like to meet in Room 1520 to discuss two or three items, one of them is the calendar; another has to do with the ending date as far as the introduction of bills is concerned. At nine o'clock the Legislature will convene, and at ten o'clock the Governor will come over and give us his State of the State message. So at eight thirty the chairmen at a caucus in Room 1520, nine o'clock we will convene and the Governor will be in at ten o'clock. Are we ready, Mr. Clerk? Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, are you prepared to bring the Legislature up-to-date as to where we are at the moment and where we need to go in the immediate future?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we have now taken care of three issues dealing with the Rules that were of some controversy and we are now left with the rest of the Rules of the blue book. We have dealt with Rule 7, Section 1; Rule 3, Section 11; and Rule 5, Section 5. We are now to the rest of the rules in the blue book and that is what is now open for discussion. We have a number of rule changes that have been proposed that are on the desk of the Clerk which we will go through in the order in which they have been

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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.

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LB 23, 32, 87, 90, 99,
111, 128, 166, 175, 180,
215, 283, 347, 413, 437,
465, 483

Senator Hefner reports 483 to General File.

Your committee on Ag whose Chairman is Senator Schmit reports 283 be advanced to General File with amendments.

Your committee on Judiciary whose Chairman is Senator Nichol reports 413 to General File with amendments; 32 General File with amendments; 215 General File with amendments; 180 General File; 347 General File with amendments; 111 General File with amendment; 465 General File; 99 General File with amendments; 87 General File with amendments; 23 Indefinitely postponed; 90 Indefinitely postponed; 166 Indefinitely postponed; 175 Indefinitely postponed. (Signed) Senator Nichol, Chair.

Your committee on Urban Affairs whose Chairman is Senator Landis reports 437 to General File with amendments. (Signed) Senator Landis.

Mr. President, LB 128 was introduced by Senator Myron Rumery. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 13 and referred to Retirement for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Rumery, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I could have your attention for a few minutes, I would appreciate it. We introduced this bill for these reasons, that should a member of the school employee's retirement system die before retirement, LB 128 would provide an option for the payment of benefits to the spouse of the member, if the spouse is the sole surviving beneficiary. Presently the law provides that if a teacher has twenty years service and is at least 55 years of age or thirty years of service regardless of age and dies before retirement, a monthly annuity for life would be paid the spouse if the spouse is the sole surviving beneficiary in an amount equal to the joint and survivor benefit that would have been paid if the deceased member had retired on the date of death. The joint and survivor benefit is a greatly reduced benefit. The amount of the reduction is determined by the age of the deceased member and the age of the spouse. There are times when the surviving spouse would prefer to have a lump sum benefit rather than a meager monthly payment for life. Often a surviving spouse of a deceased member needs funds for retraining or to enter another job market or to invest in a business that may have some opportunity. LB 128 would give a spouse who is the sole surviving beneficiary

sixty days after death the option of election to receive the member's accumulated contribution in one lump sum. If no election is made, the spouse would receive the benefits under the joint and survivor benefit system. Many of us in here remember Senator Schmit's description of some bills that are brought to us. He points out that they don't cost anything, they don't do any harm and they do very little good. I would submit that this bill does not cost anything, there is no fiscal impact. It certainly doesn't do any harm but it has a chance to do a great deal of good. I ask your support for the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I met with a group of teachers the other evening and had some questions and I would like to perhaps ask some of those of Senator Rumery if he would yield please. We are so close together here we could do this but you would miss out on the conversation.

SENATOR RUMERY: Undoubtedly it would be stimulating.

SENATOR KAHLE: The total amount of money that would be paid out from the pension fund, would that be similar or different under these provisions?

SENATOR RUMERY: The total amount of money that would be paid out would be the amount of money that the employee had paid into the fund himself or herself and the rest of it that was put in by the school district would be, or whatever system they were under, would be left there and the surviving spouse would get this small payment each month as the whole system...as had been planned for the whole system.

SENATOR KAHLE: So let's say this individual had a rather young wife, she could get payments over quite a long period of time?

SENATOR RUMERY: Right.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, I think I understand. Where would this money come from then that she would be paid over this long period of time? Are there sufficient funds in there for that kind of a program?

SENATOR RUMERY: Oh, yes, it would come from the school district funds that had been paid into the system. That money is there and it was intended, of course, that this should be paid...in the beginning it was intended that it would be used for living expenses for the spouse.

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SENATOR KAHLE: So it wouldn't affect the overall strength of the fund?

SENATOR RUMERY: No, no fiscal impact.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 128 to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is 462.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 462 was introduced by the Retirement Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 20 of this year. It was referred to Retirement for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, LB 462 was introduced by the Committee on behalf of the Retirement Systems Board and was developed by Ken Steinmiller staff for the Board. The Retirement Systems Board has been working with the Internal Revenue Service to try and get certain of the systems qualified. Those systems are the county, the judges, the State Patrol retirement systems. By IRS qualification, basically what it means is that the employer contribution would not be counted as income to the employee and this bill provides technical amendments to try and satisfy some of the concerns that the Internal Revenue System has developed out with regards to our retirement plans. Basically they are just technical amendments. They no way change the amount of benefits that anybody is receiving or contributions or affect the fiscal shape of the plan at all. They are just certain restrictions that IRS felt some kind of guidelines they wanted written into our retirement plan so that we could get a letter of qualification. I would be glad to go into greater depth if the people desire but, otherwise, I would just move to advance LB 462.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill to E & R for Review. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on advancement of 462 to E & R for Review. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

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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 457, 462, 128, 136

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move that LB 457 be advanced to E & R for engrossment as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye, excuse me. A record vote has been requested. The motion is to advance 457. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 136 to E & R for engrossment. There is a request for a machine vote. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 128.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: So you want to advance the bill? 128.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 128 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill, 462.

CLERK: There are E & R, Senator.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 462.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried. The E & R amendment is adopted.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to advance the bill?

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move to advance LB 462 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is 279.

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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 55, 114, 128, 217

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass on Final Reading? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on Final Reading on LB 55. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 876 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading LB 114.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 114 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? Clerk, record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 877 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading LB 128.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 128 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on LB 128 on Final Reading. Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 878 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 217.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 217 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. Record the vote.

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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.

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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.