CLERK: (Read LB 152 by title.) (See page 148 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Will the Legislature come to order please. The Chair will recognize Senator Kremer for the purposes of making a motion.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I move that a committee of six be appointed to escort the Governor of the State of Nebraska to the Chamber at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have heard the motion. The six member committee will escort both the Governor and his wife to the Chamber. All those in favor of Senator Kremer's motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried. The committee, Senator Kremer, chairman, Senator Carsten, Senator Clark, Senator Warner, Senator Maresh, Senator Marsh. The committee will retire for the purpose of escorting the Governor and his wife to the legislative Chamber, Senator Kremer, chairman, Senator Carsten, Senator Clark, Senator Warner, Senator Maresh and Senator Marsh.

Mr. Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. Speaker, your committee now escorting his excellency, the Governor of the great State of Nebraska and Mrs. Thone.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Will the committee please escort the Governor and Mrs. Thone to the front of the Chamber.

GOVERNOR THONE: State of the State and Budget address. (See pages 148-162 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Would the committee please escort the Governor and his wife from the Chamber. The Legislature will come to order. There is some business on the Clerk's desk that we need to listen to before we recess this morning. Okay, Pat.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance gives notice of public hearing in Room 2230 for Monday, January 19. That is signed by Senator DeCamp as chairman.

Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would like to announce that Senator Haberman has been selected as vice chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

Read LB 153-166 by title. (See pages 162-165 of the Legislative Journal.)

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SPEAKER MARVEL: Four excused. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I guess numerically it is possible so I will ask for a Call of the House and a roll call vote, unless a couple of people would like to....okay, I give up.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President. I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, we are about to close up shop for noon. Your light is on. Senator Wagner, do you wish to close on your bill?

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, I think enough has been said. I would just kind of like to move the bill and make it go on. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, did you wish the floor? The motion is the adoption of the Wagner...let's see, LB 110 as amended. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. This is the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Do you have some items to read in?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, your committee on Retirement Systems whose Chairman is Senator Fowler instructs me to report LB 288 to General File with amendments. (Signed) Senator Fowler. (See pages 503 and 504 of the Legislative Journal.)

Your Committee on Banking whose Chairman is Senator DeCamp instructs me to report 275 to General File. Retirement reports 459 to General File with amendments. Banking, 154 to General File with amendments. Banking, 409 to General File with amendments. Judiciary, LB 54 to General File with amendments, and Judiciary, 205 to General File with amendments. Signed by the respective Chairs. (See pages 504 through 507 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Warner wants to note that the

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 mays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. The next bill, LB 154.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 154 was introduced by Senator Don Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 14. It was referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp has asked that I handle the committee amendments. The committee amendments were worked out in cooperation with Bill Brandt, Paul Quinlan, Larry Ruth and others who testified in support of the bill but had some concerns about the fact that in their different associations there were already regulations included in this area that they felt were satisfactory and their feeling was the bill needed to be narrowed so that we got to the heart of the problem which they knew was there which was loan brokers that basically were unlicensed and on their own recognizance were going around asking for and getting front end fees, advance fees they are called, to solicit loans for farmers or business people and never, in fact, coming through with the money really that they promised to get. This has been an abuse that has been found throughout the State of Nebraska and the problem was with the bill as originally introduced, it was too broad so the committee amendments, one, narrow the definition of who would have to be under these provisions so that we would get at the real heart of the problem and that is the independent person going around trying to broker loans. The other change is that we do not require a written contract. That was suggested by Mr. Fennell of the Attorney General's Office that perhaps by eliminating the real problem which was front end fees, that would take care of the majority of the cases that he has seen that there has been a problem and we did not really need a written contract which might be a little burdensome to some people to have to work through that. So we eliminate that provision. We also eliminate the Unfair Trade Practices Act provisions of the bill but the feeling is that there are provisions similar to that that already apply. We also feel that with the front end fee eliminated we are not going to have nearly the problem that we would otherwise and I think that the Attorney General's office is going to be very much aware of these practices in the future and be able to handle it with the provisions we have in this bill as amended. And,

finally the penalty clauses are changed to reflect Jerry Fennell, again from the Attorney General's Office, suggestion as to what would be the most appropriate penalties for this violation of the law. So, that is the committee amendments. Again, they narrow the definition, focus on the real problem and I think provide a bill that is a consensus bill at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you moving that the committee amendments be adopted first?

SENATOR WESELY: I so move.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was just going to simply add my support to the motion to adopt the committee amendments. It was worked on by the committee. I had some role to play in that and from what the bill originally came in to with what the committee decided on. The committee has improved the bill, simplified it and made it very easy to read and understand and I support the Wesely amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 154. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 mays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendments are adopted. Now we are ready to discuss the bill as a whole. Okay, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, before you in LB 154 now amended is probably one of the most important consumer protection bills we will consider this year in the Legislature. What we have...Senator Fowler says that isn't saying much but I think it is significant. We have had a problem in this state and I think if you will recall this summer, there was an issue of a company in Omaha which had over \$800,000 in debts that declared bankruptcy and had about \$2,000 in assets, which is to say that people throughout the country were bilked almost a million dollars by a practice which I think is fairly common in some parts of this state where people are having trouble now with the financial circumstances. They can't get loans for their farms and businesses. They are desperate. They have a person come by and say, give me a thousand or two thousand dollars, I'll get you the loan you need and that is the last

that they hear of them and there goes a thousand or two thousand dollars. This is unfortunately too common a practice and especially in the rural areas of the state where we have had a lot of farmers in western Nebraska in particular who have fallen prey to this practice and this bill would not allow any further the opportunity for these people to get a front end fee without delivering for their services. We still, with the amendments from the committee, would not harm those people, that loan broker out of banks or real estate companies or what have you, so there is no problem there and the bill is supported by now those individuals that are concerned, the banking interests, the real estate interests and what have you that were concerned about the fact that they were already being regulated. In the packet of materials which I sent to you there is a letter from Dave Pierson from the Realtors Association endorsing the bill which is an indication of that support. Also in that packet of materials is a memorandum from Barry Lake in the Banking Department. The Banking Department has been receiving a lot of complaints about this practice and this memorandum will give to you an idea of exactly what the problem is and how it has been abused and why there is a need for a change. The Department of Banking does strongly support this bill as does the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Affairs. The third page of the packet of materials has a headline which says, "Be Careful About Paying an Advance Fee for Loans." What I would like to say to you is that with your support of LB 154, no longer will we have to resort to articles like this in hopes that people will not be bilked by these practices. We will forever eliminate this practice and the abuse that has resulted from it from the State of Nebraska with the passage of the bill and I think that I can say no more than that the passage of the bill is important and your support would be appreciated.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 154 as amended. Is this a good bill, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: It is all right.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 mays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. We are going to pass over 409 and go to LB 54.

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LB 54, 150, 154, 274, 275, 288, 329, 459

PRESIDENT LHEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Prayer by Pastor Roland Hanselmann of Southwood Lutheran here in Lincoln.

PASTOR HANSELMANN: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Roll call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler and Senator Vard Johnson until they arrive. Senator Fitzgerald would like to be excused for the day. Mr. President, Senator Sieck and Pirsch would like to be excused until they arrive.

PRESIDENT: Have you all registered your presence?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labedz would like to be excused until she arrives.

PRESIDENT: Record the presence. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Quorum present. Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Quorum being present, any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President. I have no corrections this morning.

PRESIDENT: The Journal stands correct as published. Are there any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined LB 150 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; 288 Select File with amendments; 275 Select File; 459 Select File with amendments; 154 Select File with amendments; 54 Select File, (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair. (See pages 672-673 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your committee on Banking whose chairman is Senator DeCamp to whom is referred LB 329 reports the same back to the Legislature as advanced to General File and 274 General File with amendments. (See page 673.)

Mr. President, your committee on Revenue gives notice of executive session for Monday, March 2, from 12:00 until 1:30 p.m., (Signed) Senator Carsten, Chair.

Mr. President, LR 23 and 22 are ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, I am sure there isn't. Hopefully it will be on the agenda tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: All right. The Speaker will have to deal with putting it on the agenda again then because there is still another amendment which we couldn't possibly get finished in five minutes. We are going to...pursuant to Speaker's order before he was excused he gave me a list of Select File bills to move on. Senator Kilgarin, you are getting a list here so we will proceed to quickly dispatch some of these bills on Select File. We will just proceed, Senator Kilgarin. So begin, Mr. Clerk, with LB 288.

CLERK: There are E & R amendments, Senator.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 288.

PRESIDENT: Motion to adopt the E & R amendments on LB 288. Any discussion? All those in favor of the E & R amendments to LB 288 signify by saying aye, opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted. Senator Kilgarin, do you want to move the bill.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move that LB 288 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Motion to advance LB 288 to E & R for engrossment. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. LB 288 is advanced to E & R for engrossment. LB 275.

CLERK: There is nothing on the bill, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move LB 275 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Motion to advance LB 275 to E & R for engrossment. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. LB 275 is advanced to E & R for engrossment. LB 154.

CLERK: There are E & R, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 154.

PRESIDENT: Motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 154.

Any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the E & R amendments on LB 154 signify by saying aye, opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted on LB 154. Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move LB 154 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Motion to advance LB 154 to E & R for engrossment. Any discussion? All those in favor of advancing LB 154 signify by saying aye, opposed may. LB 154 is advanced to E & R for engrossment. LB 54.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move LB 54 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Motion to advance LB 54 to E & R for engrossment. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. LB 54 is advanced to E & R for engrossment. LB 205.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 205.

PRESIDENT: Do I understand you don't have it in your book. There is a continuation of Select File as listed on the work sheet is the way the agenda for today reads and that is why the Speaker requested that we continue with the list on the work sheet. Now there is a work sheet which would allow any bill on Select File to be treated, as I understand. Any bill that is on Select File can be taken up with that notation. Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Microphone off) tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

PRESIDENT: All right, it takes precedence. So the question is, and we will go to the board for this vote, all those in favor of adjourning until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning signify by voting aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 mays to adjourn, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. We are adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow mcrning.

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LB 21, 24, 38, 44, 54, 65, 67, 77, 80, 104" 109, 110, 154, 186, 214, 221, 236, 260, 264, 275, 288, 459

File with amendments; 264 to General File, (Signed) Senator Cullan, Chair.

Mr. President, your committee on Judiciary reports LB 44 to General File with amendments.

Mr. President, new resolution offered by Senator Fowler, LR 27. (Read.) That will be laid over pursuant to our rules, Mr. President.

Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined and engrossed LB 24 and find the same correctly engrossed, 38, 54, 104, 154 and 275 and 288 all correctly engrossed, (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair.

Mr. President, your Enrolling Clerk reports that she has presented to the Governor for his approval LBs 110, 214, 65, 21, 67, 77, 80, 109, 186, 221, 236 and 260.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The next bill on Select File is LB 459.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to LB 459.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kilgarin, E & R amendments to 459.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Mr. Speaker, I move the E & R amendments to LB 459.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a motion from Senator Fowler. (Read Fowler amendment as found on page 733 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, this bill changes the contribution rates with regards to certain aspects of retirement. In working with the legislative fiscal staff we felt that rather than have the bill take effect on whatever day, ninety days after the session which may be in the middle of a pay period, that we would try and pick a date for it to take effect so as to ease implementation. So this is for October 1. This really is an amendment to help with the mechanical aspects of adjusting the payroll to reflect the new contribution rates for the retirement plan. I would move for its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Fowler amendment

the amendment that you have already approved and my apologies to you and Senator Schmit for not having caught it in both places when we did this the first time around. Specifically the amendment has to do with the language on page 3 of the bill, lines 13 through 18, having to do with the July 1st, 1983 cutoff date. So this is the very same thing that the last amendment did only I am picking up language that was omitted the first time around. Again, my apologies. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, speaking to the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, I would just like to indicate the value of Final Reading in this instance. Having caught this problem and having put forth the amendment at this time indicates some of the finer qualities of this process.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the Beutler amendment? The question before the House is the return of the bill for specific amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I can't let that pass, Mr. Speaker. The error was caught sometime ago. It was not caught at this moment on Final Reading. The mistake that was made was that my assistant didn't put the amendment on the floor.

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

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 mays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is returned. Senator Beutler, do you want to put the amendment on?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I move the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CLARK: All those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 mays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Senator Beutler. Advancement of LB 104. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is readvanced. The Clerk will read LB 154.

CLERK: (Reading of LB 154 on Final Reading.)

LB 5, 24, 38, 54, 72, 73, LB 154, 144A, 198, 245A, LB 273, 275, 288, 417, 459A

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SENATOR CLARK: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 856, Legislative Journal.) 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is declared passed. We will now go to #5, General File, priority bill, Senator Cullan's LB 56.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some things in.

SENATOR CLARK: Read some things in if you have to.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, your Enrolling Clerk respectfully reports that she has on this day at 10:40 a.m. presented to the Governor for his approval LBs 24, 38, 54, 275, and 288.

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 5 and find the same correctly engrossed; LB 459A correctly engrossed; LB 144A correctly engrossed; LB 72 correctly engrossed. (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair. LB 73 correctly engrossed.

Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would like to print amendments to LB 273 in the Legislative Journal.

Senator Koch offers explanation of vote.

Mr. President, your committee on Public Works whose Chairman is Senator Kremer reports LB 417 to General File with amendments.

I have an announcement of priority bills designation by the Government Committee.

Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 198.

Senator Carsten would like to be excused Thursday, March 12 all day.

A new A bill, LB 245A by Senator Schmit. (Title read.)

Your committee on Banking, Commerce and Inusrance reports on certain gubernatorial appointments.

LB 51, 104, 150, 151, 154, 179, 190, 195, 204, 204A, 205, 220, 272, 409, 403.

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SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: (Microphone not on)....Tom Huxtable who is the Minister of the Eastridge Presbyterian Church.

REV. TOM HUXTABLE: Prayer offered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Will you all record your presence, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would like to be excused until he arrives. Mr. President, Senator Burrows would like to be excused until he arrives. Senator Wagner and Senator Labedz until they arrive.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: A record attendance, please. A record vote on attendance, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have any other items on your desk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, I have several matters to read in. Mr. President, LBs 51, 150, 195, 272, 409, and 154 are ready for your signature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am about to sign and do sign LB 51, LB 150, LB 195, LB 272, LB 409, LB 154.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports LB 104 is correctly engrossed and LB 205 correctly engrossed. (Signed) Senator Kilgarin as Chair. (See page 874 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 190 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; 220 Select File, 151 Select File with amendments; 179 Select File with amendments; 204 Select File (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair. (See page 873 of the Legislative Journal.)

Your Committee on Banking reports LB 403 to General File

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Mr. President, some items to read in, LB 113A by Senator DeCamp. (Read LB 113A for the first time by title.) LB 284A by Senator DeCamp. (Read LB 284A for the first time by title.)

Your Enrolling Clerk respectfully reports that she has on this day presented to the Governor LB 51, 150, 195, 272, 409 and 154.

Your Committee on Education reports 63 indefinitely postponed. (Signed) Senator Koch.

Your Committee on Public Works reports 229 to General File and 94 General File with amendments. (Signed) Senator Kremer.)

Your Committee on Banking reports 421 to General File with amendments. (Signed) Senator De Camp.

Your Committee on Public Health reports 261 and 466 to General File with amendments.

Mr. President, Senator Nichol would like to print amendments to LB 74 in the Journal. Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee sets hearing. Senator Koch would like to print amendments to LB 190. Senator Kilgarin asks unanimous consent to be excused tomorrow. I have notice of priority bill designation of the Speaker. Your Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance reports 426 to General File with Amendments. (See pages 882 through 896 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Schmit would like to have the Ag and Environment Committee tomorrow morning at eight o'clock in Room 1520, Ag and Environment Committee tomorrow morning.

Mr. President, your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs reports 281 to General File with amendments; LB 351 General File; LB 418 to General File; LB 106 as indefinitely postponed; and LB 225 as indefinitely postponed. Those are all signed by Senator Kahle as Chairman.

Mr. President, the Business and Labor Committee will have an Exec Session at 1:00 p.m. today in Room 1019; Business and Labor at 1:00 p.m. today.

Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson asks to be excused tomorrow.

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

March 17, 1981

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.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. Rule #9. The Clerk would like to read a couple of things in first, Senator Wesely.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have two Attorney General's opinions, one addressed to Senator DeCamp regarding LB 376 of last session and one to Senator Wesely regarding LB 154. (See pages 115-118 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Vickers would like to print amendments to LB 32 in the Legislative Journal. (See page 118.)

Mr. President, the Speaker gives notice of Special Order Item for next week. Mr. President, that is all that I have right now.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, do you want to take up #9?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Fresident, members of the Legislature, rule change #9 would simply put in the rules that a committee may adopt Model Committee Rules which are an appendix which has already been developed about a year ago by the Legislature. This doesn't require anything. The committees have accepted them. What they do, if they don't want any rules they don't have to. If they want rules they can choose any they want but it just says that if they want to have rules they could choose those Model Committee Rules. It is just a purely flexible option that they have just to point out that they do exist and they are an option for the committee.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would strongly support this rule and I would suggest that if we had tried this exactly as it is written way last year this would be in full force and effect now because this says, "Hey, look, committee chairmen, committee members, you can if you want. Here's the layout of the rules, a system for you. Look it over. If you want to try it, try it." It does not force you. It gives you flexibility and I think that is what we want. Before you are forced to wear a new suit. let you try it on and see how it fits first and this gives you that chance as a committee and a committee chairman to try this set of committee procedures that I think will enhance the session and enhance the committee. So I urge you to support it with the understanding, of course, it doesn't force anybody to do anything but it sure gives you the flexibility to.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of rule #9. Senator Wesely, do you have anything else? All