

January 14, 1981

LB 172-175

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SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read in....okay, record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins would like to be excused until she arrives. Senators Sieck, Warner, Remmers and Richard Peterson until they arrive, and Senator Wiitala until he arrives.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Have you all voted? While we are waiting for a quorum, it is my pleasure to introduce to you a guest of Senator Shirley Marsh, Efie Sumarlin from Indonesia who is a student at Lincoln Southeast High School. Will you please stand so we may welcome you. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What is the first order of business?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a few matters to read in, if I may. Your Committee on Public Works whose Chairman is Senator Kremer to whom was referred.....excuse me, your Committee on Public Works gives notice of public hearing in Room 1517 for January 30, February 4, 5 and 6. (See page 167 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have received the annual report from the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women. That will be on file in my office.

Mr. President, Senator Maresh would like to have a meeting of the Business and Labor Committee upon adjournment underneath the north balcony today.

Mr. President, new bills: LB 172 (Read title). LB 173 (Read title). LB 174 (Read title). LB 175 (Read title). (See page 168 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we will proceed with the rules discussion. What is the first....

CLERK: Mr. President, I will let Senator Wesely.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you want to give us some background before we proceed?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, at this point we have adopted

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LB 17, 22, 86, 123, 151,
155, 169, 171, 190,
220, 247, 294, 482,
537-540, 175

and February 19.

Your committee on Urban Affairs reports LB 175 (sic. 171) to General File with amendments; LB 220, General File with amendments, (Signed) Senator Landis.

Government Committee reports LB 247 to indefinitely postpone; 29th indefinitely postponed.

Your committee on Miscellaneous Subjects report LB 482 indefinitely postponed.

The Appropriations Committee reports LB 155 advanced to General File with amendments.

Your committee on Revenue whose chairman is Senator Carsten reports LB 17 to General File with amendments; 169 to General File with amendments and LB 86 indefinitely postponed.

The Public Works Committee whose chairman is Senator Kremer reports LB 22 to General File with amendments; 190 to General File with amendments; 123 indefinitely postponed.

Your committee on Revenue reports LB 151 to General File with amendments. (See pages 612-615 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator DeCamp makes a motion to withdraw LB 537, 538, 539 and 540 and cancel the public hearings on those bills. So in order to do that we will need to suspend rules to cancel those hearings which were scheduled for next week and I understand we are going to lay that motion over.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We will lay the motion over until next Monday. Senator DeCamp. Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MARSH: I have misplaced my black purse briefcase. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you all heard what the motion was. Senator Marvel asked that we take it up next week rather than today and I would agree to that. I would simply point out that a couple of these hearings are set for next week and so I would hope that we could take it up right away Monday morning and at that time detail the future of the Task Force and so on and so forth.

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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