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LB 20-30

many in today as you can prior to the time of our recess until this afternoon. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read LB 20-30 for the first time as found on pages 80-82 of the Legislative Journal. Read LR 1 as found on pages 82-83 of the Journal. Mr. President, pursuant to our rules LR 1 will be laid over.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first motion I would like to make is that committee chairmen please get with the members of your committee before ten o'clock tomorrow morning at which time you can turn in a report to the Clerk as to who the other officers of your committee may be, by ten o'clock tomorrow morning. You can do it now if you want to. Is that enough of that?

PRESIDENT: All right, are there any questions by any of the committee chairpersons on that? As I understand it, Mr. Speaker, you are asking the committee chairpersons to call the committee together between now and tomorrow morning to get that done?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Okay, any questions? Anything further, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now do you want me to read the escorts for this afternoon?

PRESIDENT: That will be fine if you would like to do that. If the members of the Legislature would listen. The Speaker is going to advise you as to who will be selected to escort the various people on the ceremonies this afternoon.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The green sheets indicate the inaugural ceremonies and if you will turn to that particular sheet we will give you the recommendations that we have for escorts. So we start with the Board of Education and Senator Landis will escort his father. Senator Koch will escort Mr. Monahan. Senator Goll will escort Mr. Thompson and Senator Warner will escort Mrs. Greene. The second category, escorting Mr. Payne led by Senator Cope, also including Senator Chronister and Senator Pirsch. So there will be three escorting Mr. Payne and of the three escorts, since Senator Cope comes from Kearney he will lead the parade. The third category has to do with Public Service Commission and Eric Rasmussen will be escorted by Senator Maresh and Jack Romans will be

Mr. President, I have a lobby registration report for the interim period covered by April 19, 1980, through January 6, 1981. That will be inserted in the Legislative Journal. (See page 94 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a reference report from the Executive Board referring legislative bills 1-36. That is signed by Senator Lamb as Chairman. (See pages 94-95 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have in my possession proposed lease renewals as supplied us by the State Building Division. Those will be on file in my office. I also have a report from the Nemaha Natural Resources Districts regarding payment of attorney fees. (See page 95 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Hefner would like to announce that Senator Barrett has been elected as vice chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

Mr. President, Senator Labedz would like to announce that Senator Pirsch has been elected vice chairman of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee.

Mr. President, Senator Marvel would once again like to announce a meeting or a chairperson's caucus for Monday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1520. It is a chairperson's caucus for Monday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1520.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will recognize Speaker Marvel once more for additional announcement concerning procedure.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think, Mr. President, the first thing we need to note is the fact that we are using valuable time that we may wish we had at the end of this session. I guess I am going to repeat this every day for a while and so would you please put on the Clerk's desk whatever legislation you have so that we can once again begin processing this legislation which means that the Exec Board needs to meet and refer the bills as soon as they have been processed by the Clerk and, therefore, I remind you first of all, get the bills in and, secondly, that the Exec Board then will have to meet to refer the bills. Now this process has to go on even if we may only meet until noon. Now, Mr. President, is that the... Pat, is there anything else to say about the reference of bills?

CLERK: No, sir, not that I am aware of. I think Senator Lamb might want to make a...

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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