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LB 95, 247-283

Mr. President, Senator Schmit would like to have a meeting of the Ag Committee underneath the North balcony now if he could, and it is Ag Committee underneath the North balcony with Senator Schmit, immediately if possible.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will be at ease until Speaker Marvel determines that we will go back.

EASE

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come to order just for the purpose of the Clerk reading some matters into the record. Mr. Clerk, you may proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Clark would like to announce that Senator Goodrich has been selected as vice chairman of the Telecommunications Committee.

Mr. President, new bills. Read LB 247-265 by title as found on pages 205-209 of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, your committee on Appropriations gives notice of agency hearings for Monday, January 26, signed by Senator Warner as chairman.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will continue to stand at ease until approximately 11:15 a.m.

CLERK: Meet in Room 1517 at eleven o'clock? The Executive Board in Room 1517 at eleven o'clock.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come back to order. The Clerk has some matters to read in.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a reference report referring LB 172-205 and rereferring LB 95. (See page 213 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have new bills. (Read by title, LB 266-283 as found on pages 214-218 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that is all the matters that I have this morning.

PRESIDENT: Any other messages on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, I have nothing further.

PRESIDENT: In that case the Chair will recognize Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I move we adjourn until Monday, January 19, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.

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LB 15, 16, 20, 27, 30, 37,  
45, 82, 93, 108, 130,  
140, 165, 165A, 178, 185,  
187, 238, 244, 260

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The opening prayer will be given by Pastor Loren Mullins of the Warren United Methodist Church of Lincoln.

LOREN MULLINS: Prayer offered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Roll call. Please record your presence. Will you please record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Vard Johnson, Carsten, Cullan and Dworak would like to be excused.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record. The machine is acting up and somebody will be here to fix it fairly soon. Meanwhile we will call the roll verbally. The Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: Called the roll. We do have a quorum, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Clerk has some items to read into the Journal.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 20 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 165A Select File; LB 178 Select File with amendments; LB 140 Select File; LB 37 Select File; LB 30 Select File; LB 130 Select File; LB 27 Select File; LB 82 Select File and LB 45 Select File, all signed by Senator Kilgarin, Chairperson.

Mr. President, your committee on Public Health and Welfare whose chairman is Senator Cullan to whom was referred LB 260 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation if be advanced to General with amendments; LB 93 indefinitely postponed and LB 108 indefinitely postponed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature will be at ease for the next ten minutes.

EASE

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature will come to order.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined LB 15 and find the same correctly engrossed, 16 correctly engrossed, 165 correctly engrossed, 185 correctly engrossed, 187 correctly engrossed, 238 correctly engrossed, 244 correctly engrossed,

the Senators tomorrow in the Senators' Lounge. That is tomorrow, Wednesday, February 18th. So be prepared to have your picture taken tomorrow if you want to have an updated picture. Okay, the next bill on General File is LB 260, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 260 was introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was originally read on January 16 of this year. It was referred to the Public Health Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Health Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, to explain the committee amendments it is necessary for me to give you a brief explanation of the bill and the purpose of the bill. The bill does provide that the county hospital board can select their own treasurer who would not necessarily be the county treasurer. This bill is necessary because an Attorney General's Opinion was issued which said that the county treasurer must indeed be the treasurer for the county hospital board, and that created some problems. It created really a duplication because the hospitals maintain their own financial records and under this provision the county treasurer found himself duplicating the efforts of the county hospital board and maintaining those same records after the Attorney General's Opinion. So the amendments to the bill, however, provide that in counties with 200 to a 1000 or more inhabitants the county treasurer will be the treasurer for the county hospital board. This amendment was requested by Douglas County and as you know in Douglas County the county hospital board is the county board of commissioners, and in that particular case they currently have the county treasurer acting as their treasurer for the hospital board and they wanted it specified in the statute that that would be proper, and so the committee adopted that particular amendment. The committee also adopted an additional amendment which is one that would require accountability, and this amendment requires that the county treasurer....excuse me, the treasurer for the county hospital board submit to the county treasurer monthly a summary of receipts and expenditures so that the county officials, county board of supervisors and others will be knowledgeable as to the expenditures of the county hospital board. That really is...those are

the two committee amendments. That really is the purpose of the bill, so I would ask you to adopt the committee amendments and then to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, did you wish to speak to the committee amendments? Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I will probably have a question of Senator Cullan. I am concerned about the bonding and all the rigamarole that goes along with being a treasurer of the kinds of funds that some of these county hospitals handle. I wondered, Senator Cullan, could you give me a reason why this has come up outside of what you said about Douglas County?

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Senator....(interruption).

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan, will you respond?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, the real purpose for the bill, Senator, is that an Attorney General's Opinion was issued that said that the county treasurer had to act as treasurer for the county hospital board, and the county treasurers previous to that in a number of counties were not assuming that function, and so therefore the county treasurer had to duplicate the functions of the former treasurer of the county hospital board, and so oftentimes this necessitated two reports being issued and created a great additional workload for some of those county treasurers involved. And so they came to us and said that they saw no reason for the county treasurer's office to be involved and that it would make more sense for the county hospital board to designate their own treasurer.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I guess what bothers me is that in our county especially quite a large amount of the funding for the hospital comes through the county and it varies from year to year. The county treasurer is going to be involved anyhow. I guess my question is, why have two treasurers?

SENATOR CULLAN: To allow...the county board of...the county hospital board could still designate the county treasurer as the treasurer for the hospital board if they so desired, but...and it does give them that flexibility. I guess many of the county treasurers felt that this created an unnecessary workload for them and involved them in the operation of the hospital. It also created some problems for the county treasurers because the

hospitals and the counties were not necessarily operating in the same fiscal year and so they thought that since the hospital keeps these records anyway and it was not necessary, there was no reason for the county treasurer to become involved and duplicate the effort.

SENATOR KAHLE: One other question. Do you know what sort of bonding is required of the hospital treasurer now?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, Senator, I don't. I am not sure.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I guess it sounds all right, but in a small county where these funds are so closely tied with what the county treasurer does I guess I am concerned that we are fragmenting that authority and causing probably some expense to be involved because of the extra bonding and the extra work that would be involved. I wish I had looked at this a little bit sooner because I don't want to oppose the bill if I don't know what I am talking about. But I feel that it is a problem and I wonder why if Omaha is the one that wants the bill why the rest of it should be changed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Cullan's measure. I have served on a county hospital board for a good many years in a small county and I think that the comments he made are correct, that there is a lot of duplication under the present system. I know that in our county hospital our hospital board was doing most of the work or our secretary was doing most of the work and then it was duplication again on the county treasurer's part. I see no reason why there should be this type of duplication. The funds are handled differently in some counties. I know that in some counties the county treasurer keeps all the hospital surplus that they might have and invest it and the money is then used in the county...the interest from this is used in the county general fund. I think most of the counties do return the money or the interest back to the hospital fund, but this isn't true in all cases. But there is a lot of duplication and I can see no reason why we need two treasurers. In other words, I don't know the situation that Senator Kahle is talking about in his district but it seems to me that in most cases we would be eliminating a lot of duplication by letting the hospital board appoint their own treasurer

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and then, of course, giving a monthly report to the county board.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lowell Johnson, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Okay, anything further on the Public Health Committee amendment? All right, Senator Cullan, do you want to close on the committee amendment and then we will go into the bill itself.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, just to clarify, Mr. President. The committee amendments do two things...three things. First of all, they add the emergency clause. Secondly, they exempt Douglas County from the provisions of the bill to allow Douglas County to retain the county treasurer as the treasurer for the hospital board. In fact, they mandate that the county treasurer will be the treasurer for the hospital board in Douglas County and that is because the county board of supervisors is the hospital board in Douglas County and the third one is to require that the hospital, the treasurer for the county hospital board will submit a monthly report of receipts and expenditures to the county treasurer so that county officials may be fully apprised of the operation and the financial status of the county hospital.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question then is the adoption of the Public Health Committee amendment to LB 260. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and the committee amendment is adopted. Now we are on the...are there any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Cullan, on the bill itself then.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the only other provision of the bill which we have not discussed and one of the really primary reasons

for the introduction of the bill was to allow a county hospital to use county hospital funds to recruit medical personnel. Again, the Attorney General issued an opinion which said that a county hospital could not use county hospital funds to recruit medical personnel. This creates some problem in small hospitals where they need to spend a few dollars perhaps to pay airline fare or something for a doctor to come to the town, fly in and take a look at the village, or the town and the medical facilities there in an effort to recruit that doctor. And it also relates to the great shortage of nurses in the State of Nebraska where the same desire...the county board may desire the same type of action. So one of the major purposes of the bill is to allow county funds to be used for these recruiting purposes. The committee rejected suggestions that the county hospital funds could be used for loans and other things, so it is limited to this very narrow function of recruiting medical personnel.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a good bill. It does a lot for the rural area where we have problems getting medical personnel to the hospitals. We have modern hospitals but many of them are understaffed or there is no staff at all as far as doctors and I think if we are going to allow these hospitals to use these funds it is going to help recruit doctors and nurses to the county hospitals that are looking for doctors. I had a bill one time to allow mileage for medical students to travel outstate to view the town they want to practice in. I think this is just another measure to help recruit doctors and nurses for our doctor short areas. I support the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, a question of Senator Cullan, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan, will you respond?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR LAMB: At the top of page 4 the language stricken is, "shall receive no compensation". Do hospital board members receive compensation at this point? Do you know?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator, I am not....I don't know whether they do or not. I will have to check.

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SENATOR LAMB: I am wondering why the language is stricken which says that they shall not...the treasurer would not receive compensation. I suppose they are talking about the county treasurer, but I am just wondering if this opens it up so that the treasurer of the hospital board would then be eligible for compensation.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Senator, the way I understand this language, and I will check it before we get to Select File to clarify it if I am mistaken, but this was...the language that related to "but shall receive no compensation" was put there to ensure that the county treasurer would not be paid twice for the same function, acting as the county treasurer and the treasurer for the hospital board. So I believe that is why that language is stricken. To my knowledge, most county hospital boards do not receive, board members do not receive compensation. But I will check on that before Select File and get you a definite answer, Senator.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, responding also to Senator Lamb's question about remuneration of hospital trustees, I have served on the Dodge County Board of Trustees and they have allowed a stipend of \$100 a year plus some expenses for mileage. And I, too, add my support to the bill. I served on a board of trustees at a hospital for many years and this is a very important feature in the bill to allow the funds to be spent for recruitment of very important personnel in a hospital, and the permission of a member of the board of trustees to be designated as a treasurer also has merit because it does eliminate duplication of efforts between the county treasurer and the hospital board itself. So I join in support of LB 260.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. I believe we are ready for it anyway, Senator, so we are all right. Ready for closing, Senator Cullan. No closing. The question before the House is the advance of LB 260 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 260 is advanced to



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LB 24, 34, 80, 104, 165,  
167, 221, 236, 260

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Prayer by Reverend Kalmer Knudson, St. Paul United Church of Christ here in Lincoln.

REVEREND KALMER KNUDSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Roll call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kremer would like to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, Senator Koch, Senator Wiitala, would you all show your presence so we can have a quorum. Thank you. Record the presence, Mr. Clerk.

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

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

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Journal will stand as correct as published. Any messages, reports and announcements.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 34 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; 260 Select File with amendments; 80 Select File; 104 Select File with amendments; 236 Select File with amendments; 221 Select File. (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair.

Mr. President, your committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance gives notice of continuation of public hearing.

And finally, Mr. President, I have a report from the Nebraska Power Review Board. That will be on file in my office.

Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 167, 165 and LB 24, print amendments in the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: We are ready then for Final Reading, agenda item #4. All legislators will be at their desks. All other personnel will leave the floor of the Legislature. The Sergeant at Arms will see to it that all others are off of the floor. The Legislature will be on Final Reading.

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LB 34, 80, 104, 260

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to the bill. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The Wesely amendment is adopted. And now what do we do with the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the LB 34 as amended say aye, opposed no. Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 260.

CLERK: There are E & R amendments to 260, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 260.

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 have no amendments to LB 80. I am sorry, we didn't advance it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 260 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. LB 80.

CLERK: I have nothing on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move LB 80 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. LB 104.

CLERK: There are E & R amendments.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 104.

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

LR 23  
LB 21, 38, 67, 77, 80,  
104, 109, 144, 186, 205,  
206, 206A, 221, 236, 260,  
204A.

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SENATOR LABEDZ: Will it be on the agenda tomorrow morning?

SPEAKER MARVEL: It will either be on the agenda tomorrow or the next day.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

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

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 144 in the Journal. (See pages 659 and 660 of the Legislative Journal.) New resolution, LR 23 by Senator Maresh and Senator Beutler. (Read LR 23 as found on page 660 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President that will be laid over. New bill, LB 204A, offered by Senator Wagner. (Read title to LB 204A for the first time.) Your committee on Public Works gives notice of public hearing. Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 21 and find the same correctly engrossed, 38, 67, 77, 80, 104, 109, 126, 206, 206A, 221, 236, and 260 all correctly engrossed. (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we revert to General File, LB 205.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 205 was considered by the body yesterday. There was a motion to adopt the committee amendments which prevailed. There was some discussion and I now have a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill as offered by Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the first thing I have to do is apologize to Senator Pirsch because yesterday I said this bill emerged from committee without a single dissenting vote, but she did vote against it. It is kind of interesting that she being from Omaha and I being from Omaha, she being notoriously law and order, I being notoriously whatever the contrary is, both agree that this bill is not a very good thing. So what I am asking that you do is consider what the purpose and role of an arson investigator is. The bill states it's to study the cause, origin and circumstances of fires. Nothing in this bill enhances that responsibility or that function. We don't want to create quasi law enforcement people when their job is not law enforcement. They have the team concept in Omaha right

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LB 221, 236, 260

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 221 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. LB 221 on Final Reading. Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 713 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 48 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting. Senator Hoagland changing to not voting. The vote is 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The next bill LB 236 on Final Reading. The Clerk will read.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 236 on Final Reading.)

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 236 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 714 of the Legislative Journal.) 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is declared passed with the emergency clause attached. The Clerk will now read LB 260.

CLERK: (Read LB 260 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 715 of

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LB 21, 65, 67, 77, 80, 109,  
110, 159, 186, 214, 221,  
236, 260, 274A, 290, 459A

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Prayer by the Reverend William Pfeffer from the Panama Presbyterian, also at the Wesleyan University here in Lincoln.

REVEREND PFEFFER: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Roll call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hoagland would like to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Have you all registered your presence? Record the presence, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Quorum being present, are there any corrections to the Journal, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Journal will stand correct as published. Are there any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Newell and one to Senator Schmit regarding the Nebraska Corn Resources Act. (See pages 718-721 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your committee on Appropriations whose chairman is Senator Warner refers LB 159 as indefinitely postponed, (Signed) Senator Warner.

Mr. President, LB 290 which was referred to Public Works reports the same to General File with amendments, (Signed) Senator Kremer as Chair. (See pages 721-722 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 274A offered by Senator DeCamp. (Title read.) New A bill, LB 459A by Senator Fowler. (Title read.) (See page 722 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, your committee on Public Health and Welfare gives notice of cancellation and resetting of public hearing.

Mr. President, I have legislative bills ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of doing business I propose to sign and I do sign LB 110, LB 214, LB 65, LB 21, LB 67, LB 77, LB 80, LB 109, LB 186, LB 221, LB 236 and LB 260. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?

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

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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 en-  
grossed 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 what-  
ever 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

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LB 21, 74, 260

CLERK: Mr. President, a communication from the Governor addressed to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LB 21 and 260. See page 772, Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Koch asks unanimous consent to be excused Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10.

PRESIDENT: We are ready then for agenda item #4, General File, commencing with, the first bill on General File this morning, LB 74, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 74 was last considered by the body yesterday. At that time, well...(Read title.) Yesterday, Mr. President, the Legislature adopted the committee amendments as well as an amendment to the committee amendments offered by Senator Nichol. I now have pending, Mr. President, an amendment from Senator Chambers to amend the bill on Page 2, line 12, strike new language, insert fifty cents.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I stated yesterday what this amendment is for and what it does but I will be very brief in repeating that. This would relate to a situation where a person were going to go through the park or be in the park for a very brief period of time, less than a day. The fifty cents would defray the cost of any kind of little sticker or slip of paper that a person would have to have to show that he or she were there legitimately. I think the parks do belong to the public. I think they should be accessible to everybody and considering this amendment I had had it suggested to me by one of the Senators that a little slip of paper just be given and no fee assessed at all. But because it might cost something to administer the giving of a piece of paper or whatever they use, I would be willing to have the fifty cents fee attached. So I am hoping that you will consider this amendment and add it to the bill. That is all I have to say but I would answer any questions that you might want to ask.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I will certainly have to stand and disapprove of Senator Chambers' amendment of fifty cents. For one thing not all the people would honestly just drive through the park. Many would stay, and charging only fifty cents for a temporary or a daily permit would mean that many people