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LB 357-388

Journal a motion he is submitting pursuant to Rule 6, Section 2, to rerefer LB 245.

Mr. President, new bills: (Read title to LB 357-388 as found on pages 261-268 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your agenda for tomorrow will show that we will adjourn until 9:30 a.m. There will be a chairmen's meeting at nine o'clock and Exec Board at eleven o'clock. Those two latter meetings will be in Room 1520. Senator Haberman, would you like to adjourn us until nine-thirty tomorrow.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I move that we adjourn sine die until nine-thirty tomorrow morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Leave out the sine die.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Move we adjourn until nine-thirty tomorrow morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor say aye, opposed no. We are adjourned until nine-thirty tomorrow morning.

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LB 44, 47, 56, 84, 113, 151,
173, 218, 220, 308, 313, 331,
370, 379, 392, 478.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Reverend Sidney D. Ellis of the Church of Christ, Lincoln, Nebraska.

REVEREND SIDNEY D. ELLIS: Prayer offered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Beyer, Fowler and Vard Johnson would like to be excused for the day. Senators Hoagland, Cullan and Wiitala until they arrive.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have anything for item #3?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, first of all I have got a correction in the Journal foundon page 1221. (See page 1230 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, your committee on Education whose Chairman is Senator Koch reports LB 218 to General File with amendments; 370, General File with amendments; and 308 indefinitely postponed. (Signed) Senator Koch. (See pages 1230 through 1235 of the Journal.)

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 56 and find the same correctly reengrossed.

Mr. President, LBs 47, 84, 151, 220 and 313 are ready for your signature.

Mr. President, I have a Reference Report from the Executive Board referring LB 556 to the Appropriations Committee and that is signed by Senator Lamb as Chairman of the Reference Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am about to sign and do sign LB 47, LB 84, LB 151, LB 220, LB 313.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 379 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; 44, Select File with amendments; 173, Select File with amendments; 331, Select File with amendments; 392, Select File with amendments; 478, Select File with amendments; 113, Select File with

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LB 370, 824

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

DR. PALME.: Prayer offered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The next item of business is roll call. Will you please record your presence?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cullan would like to be excused for the day.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Please record your presence. Senator Von Minden, Senator Lowell Johnson, will you please check in? Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, do you have anything for item #3.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers would ask unanimous consent to add his name to LB 324 as cointroducer.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objections, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Judiciary gives notice of cancellation of hearing, and your committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs gives notice of public hearing on January 28, February 4 and 5, and that is signed by Senator Kahle as Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Then we take up General File, item #5. The first bill, LB 349, will be passed over. The bill is laid over. Senator Haberman is home ill. The next item is LB 370.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 370 offered by Senator Goll. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 19 of last year and was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was subsequently advanced to General File. There are committee amendments attached by the Education Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 370 deals with proprietary schools and the amendment that we are placing on this piece of legislation would define a branch facility and the application procedures for those types of schools and I ask for the adoption of the amendment and Senator Goll will explain the bill.

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SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the amendment to LB 370 as presented by Senator Koch. All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Goll, will you explain your bill please?

SENATOR GOLL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I should first off like to say that this legislation in no way affects the flow into, out of, or through the great State of Nebraska, nor in any way does this legislation allude to capital punishment or certification of teachers, and in no way does it violate or transgress into the area of certificate of need. However, this legislation affects a certain segment of our society and I would like to take this time to tell you about it. LB 370 will initiate certain changes to the private vocational educational act of 1977. As background and for your information, the purpose of this act was to provide protection, education and welfare of the citizens of the State of Nebraska in its private educational institution students and this act initially did five things. Number one, it established minimum standards concerning the quality of education, ethical and business practices, health and safety, and the fiscal responsibility in order to protect against substandard, transient, unethical, deceptive or fraudulent institutions and their practices. Second, this act prohibited the granting of false educational credentials. Number three, it prohibited misleading literature, advertising, solicitation, or representation by institutional educations or their agents. Number four, it provided for the preservation of essential records, and, number five, certain rights and remedies were provided to the consumer and the Nebraska Board of Education to affectuate these purposes. Under the provisions of the state statutes, there are certain educational institutions that are exempt from the provisions of the private vocational educational act of 1977 and one of the purposes of LB 370 is to strike an exemption, this exemption clause which is in the act. This exemption clause says, "Private vocational educational institutions whose total tuitions and fees are less than one hundred and fifty dollars per person per course and which employ not less than fifty percent of the students within four months after completing the course of study;". Now our bill essentially does this. Although we did have a little element of compromise which were indicated by the

amendments that Senator Koch presented. We are now under the terms of this law including certain educational operations such as H & R Block and certain real estate schools. This change in the law affected by LB 370 assures the educational consuming public that the operation of these schools are being monitored, and in the case of any abuse, there is some agency for the consumer to look up to for redress. Excluding these schools from the licensure would be discriminating...would be discrimination in application of the law. I feel the basic reasoning for this legislation is that there are a number of these institutions that have grown considerably in the past and the number of consumers, both potential students and the public that they affect, requires that the state licensing assures the protection to which they are entitled. The bill also clarifies some other certain portions of the act and I refer specifically to branch operations, branch agents, the bonding that is required and it spells out the licensure fee for these branches and for the agents. We specifically refer to the fact that when these schools desire to be accredited and award associate degrees that this has to be done within an operational time of five years. Licensure does not permit immediate authority. The accreditation of the privately operated vocational schools must work with the Department of Education and must be accredited within five years or they stand at that time to lose their license. I think probably and most importantly what this bill does is it actually clarifies some of the existing law. I thank you for your attention and I would urge that we take consideration to move this legislation through the halls of government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Goll.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goll, do you yield?

SENATOR COPE: Senator Goll, let's have a specific example, say, then I have another question.

SENATOR GOLL: Well, H & R Block would be an example and probably this is the reason that the Board of Education has brought this piece of legislation to us, and for them I am sponsoring this bill. H & R Block conducts schools of instruction in a vocation, in this case, accounting and tax work and they have been, prior to this time, excluded from this bill because their tuition was less than \$150, their students were below the number specified in the act.

Quite frankly, they desire to come under the compliance of this law. Their only problem was because of the various branches that they have within their organization and so, consequently, through the amendments, we have allowed them with their one organization to have their branches and their agents, they come under the bonding procedure, so this would be the best example I could give you.

SENATOR COPE: All right, then, H & R Block have their own training program is really what it is.

SENATOR GOLL: That is correct.

SENATOR COPE: Now can anyone take this course that isn't a member of H & R Block?

SENATOR GOLL: Oh, yes.

SENATOR COPE: In other words, they can pay the tuition fee... or let me ask the previous...this question, the people with H & R Block I imagine is a big membership. They pay so much money to take the course or is it offered by the company at no cost?

SENATOR GOLL: Well, I really don't know but I believe H & R Block, if you sign up with their franchise system, they may award the training free.

SENATOR COPE: But if I wanted to take the training and I wasn't...didn't have a franchise, would it be open for me to take it?

SENATOR GOLL: I would say yes. Now you would have as a consumer the protection by signing up with this course, you would have the knowledge of knowing that this firm, that their vocational educational course is licensed under the State of Nebraska Board of Education.

SENATOR COPE: That was my next question...

SENATOR GOLL: Where as in the past they have not, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: It sounds like a good idea to me. I can back that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. Speaker, a question or two of Senator Goll. Senator Goll, in looking at the fiscal note on this

particular bill, I couldn't help notice the revenue which will be accrued to the State of Nebraska and I am wondering if this might be one of the more salient features of the bill, one of the reasons why, of course, the body should support the bill.

SENATOR GOLL: Well, you understand that by bringing these various educational institutions or vocational educational training units under the law, we are going to pick up more licensure fees, and I might also say that we considered in this same bill to increase the fees but I believe that is going to be handled through the Appropriations Committee so it was decided not to attack that matter in this bill.

SENATOR BARRETT: I was most impressed with the dollar amount. A second question, Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Yes, Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Does this in anyway affect personnel who might be employed by Ford Motor Company? I am concerned about a conflict of interest here.

SENATOR GOLL: The Ford Motor Company does not offer these courses to the general public. They offer these courses in their Ford Marketing Institute primarily to those who are employed by the vast number of Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealers throughout the United States, therefore, they would not, of course, come under the context of the private vocational educational act of 1977.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Goll.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just have one question for Senator Goll. How does this help automobile dealers?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goll, do you yield?

SENATOR GOLL: I want to tell you, Senator Nichol, any and everything will help automobile dealers right now.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Goll a question.

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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Yes, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Goll, I will have to confess, I haven't read all of this bill. As I look in the book here I see that H & R Block was one of the opponents of the bill. Could you tell me why they are opposed to it?

SENATOR GOLL: They were opposed to it initially because of the license structure and because they have a number of operations existing in the state, yet all under the same, you might say, general umbrella, and it was felt the way the bill was originally written that they would be required to post a bond for everyone of their educational locations, to have a license for everyone of their locations where these courses are taught as well as a license for each agent. Now I am not sure how many they have throughout the state. It is like six, seven or eight, and in that case it would have required them to post a \$20,000 bond. It would have required them to remit the fees for the license in each case. By our amendments, they come under the context of our law with one bond, with one license and with one agency fee but each independent instructional unit is responsible to the parent.

SENATOR HIGGINS: They are in favor of the bill now since you have exempted them?

SENATOR GOLL: Yes, they are.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And they are going to have one license for \$20,000 or one bond? What is the purpose of the bond?

SENATOR GOLL: Well, the bonding purpose is, the purpose for it is the same as we require bond for other...performance bond. I have a bond as an automobile dealer. I am sure insurance agencies are bonded. It is the same reason.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And is it a performance bond or is it payment bond?

SENATOR GOLL: It is not a performance bond. It is the other one, what is the other name?

SENATOR HIGGINS: There is payment. There is performance. There is maintenance. Is this bond being required by the state to guarantee the students that if they do not receive this instruction, H & R Block will refund their money or if they don't receive what they are promised in the way of

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instruction. Does H & R Block charge them to take this course?

SENATOR GOLL: The bond is for the protection of the students, for the unused tuition and the fees, and in the event the school goes under or the students suffer damages resulting from unfilled obligations or misrepresentation of the facts to induce enrollment, that is the purpose of the bond.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, if you are going to have one bond for H & R Block in the whole State of Nebraska, do you know how many branch offices they have all over the state? I know in Omaha they have a number of branch offices.

SENATOR GOLL: They have branch offices but this alludes to the educational instruction, has only to do with the instruction part of it, Margery.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But the bond, like I am saying, is going to be a maximum of \$20,000 no matter how many students they have?

SENATOR GOLL: It is a private school bond for \$20,000, that is correct?

SENATOR HIGGINS: A number of years ago I used to buy gas at the same filling station. One day I drove in and the usual kid that put the gas in my car was gone and I asked them, I said, "Where did Georgie go?" And they said, "Well, Georgie went to work for H & R Block". And I says, "Georgie, the high school dropout. He only went to ninth grade and now he is going to figure income taxes", and they said, "Yes." So maybe it is a good thing, maybe he learned something at H & R Block. I just wanted to know why exactly H & R Block was exempted or was fighting the bill and now is suddenly, you know, in line with it. Thank you, you have answered by question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, your light is on.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yours was the last speaker so we don't need to go through that. Senator Goll, do you wish to close?

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker, I have no closing. I have spoken to the issue. I have answered those questions that were pertinent to the legislation. I would move that LB 370 advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill as explained by Senator Goll. All those in favor of the bill advancing vote aye, opposed vote no. Record. There is a little problem in trying to figure out why you would vote no on your own bill. Have you all voted? Okay.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker, may I have only three or four seconds to say that I certainly thank my fellow legislators for the fine vote of confidence in this beautiful piece of legislation. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill. Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 335.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 335 introduced by Senator Marsh. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 19 of last year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, there are committee amendments pending by the Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, before I start on the committee amendment, Senator Goll, I wanted to let you know that Senator Labeledz wants to know if she is a fellow? As far as the committee amendments on LB 335 are concerned, as originally drafted LB 335 would establish new procedures for dealing with abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults. It became rather obvious at the public hearing as the bill was very comprehensive in dealing across the board with all types of abuse cases, that much more study was required before the committee could act favorably on the bill of this nature. Senator Marsh proposed several amendments which would strike major portions of the original draft and it would simply include in the current abuse statutes disabled persons over eighteen years of age and all persons over sixty years of age. The committee felt that this was a legitimate first step in this area and acted favorably upon these amendments. Amendments brought to the committee by Senator Marsh were acted favorably upon by the committee and are the committee amendments. I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

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LB 36, 208, 212, 263, 267, 335,
353, 370, 402, 448, 449,
450, 525

LB 448 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; LB 449 Select File with amendments; LB 450 Select File with amendments; LB 263 Select File with amendments; LB 212 Select File with amendments; LB 370 Select File with amendments; LB 335 Select File with amendments; LB 353 Select File; LB 208 Select File with amendments; LB 36 Select File; LB 402 Select File; LB 525 Select File with amendments, all signed by Senator Kilgarin. (See pages 388-391 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: We are now ready for item #5, LB 267.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 267 introduced by Senator Richard Peterson. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 16 of last year, referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File with committee amendments attached, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, do you want the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill was referred to the Public Health Committee, was heard last year and there was a concern at that time about the fact that it applied only to Dental Review Committee and the feeling was that by just limiting it to the Dental Review Committee there might be some special legislation constitutionality problems and so we thought that the concept was worthy of application across the board to all peer review committees and so the committee amendment would strike the fact that this is specifically dealing with the Dental Review Committee and make it applicable to all Nebraska peer review committees and again the concept is this in LB 267 that proceedings before a peer review committee would still take place and function as they have before. The question comes when court action is taken and some action is taken before a dentist or anybody associated with a peer review committee. They cannot then go to the committee records and use the committee action against the person or for the person for that matter who is being brought to court and being contested in court. So that you could still use materials and all that that would be brought before this peer review committee but the actual work of the committee would be kept out of the court process and decided that would be separated from the court action. That is what we are trying to do and we thought if it was applicable to dentists it ought to be applicable to others. So that is what the committee amendment does, Mr. President.

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have an amendment on 305. Pat, why don't we pass over that one and we will go down to the others and we will come back to that one and the amendment. Let's go to LB 263.

CLERK: There are E & R to 263.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 263.

SENATOR CLARK: What did you say?

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 263.

SENATOR CLARK: You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The amendments are adopted. Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 263.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is to advance LB 263. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. LB 370.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 370.

SENATOR CLARK: The E & R amendments to be adopted. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The E & R amendments are adopted.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 370.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is to advance 370. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. LB 353.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 353.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is to advance LB 353. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. We will now go back to LB 198.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 198, I have first of all E & R amendments to the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 198.

SENATOR CLARK: You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The E & R amendments are adopted. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered

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LB 32, 69, 192, 198, 229, 231, 239,
263, 264, 270, 309, 347, 370, 403,
418, 423, 431, 448, 449, 490, 492,
511, 542, 563-66, 572, 592

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The opening prayer will be given by Pastor Glenn Frazier of the Antelope Park Church of the Brethren.

PASTOR FRAZIER: Prayer offered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Roll call. Please record your presence. Will you please record your presence? Senator Cope and Senator Warner, would you please record your presence? Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have anything to read into the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 69 and find the same correctly engrossed; 192, 198, 231, 239, 263, 370, 431, 448, 449, 511 and 592 all correctly engrossed. (See pages 540 through 544 of the Legislative Journal).

Mr. President, LBs 32, 229, 264, 309, 347, 403, 418, 423, 490, 492, 542, 563, 564, 565, 566, and 572 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 engrossed LB 32, engrossed LB 229, engrossed LB 264, engrossed LB 309, engrossed LB 347, engrossed LB 403, engrossed LB 418, engrossed LB 423, engrossed LB 490, engrossed LB 492, engrossed LB 542, engrossed LB 563, engrossed LB 564, engrossed LB 565, engrossed LB 566, engrossed LB 572. We are down to item #4, motions, and the first motion concerns LB 270.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 270 was last considered by the Legislature January 27th. At that time Senator Barrett offered a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. That motion prevailed. Subsequent to that action, Senator Cullan offered a motion to reconsider the body's action to indefinitely postpone LB 270. That motion is found on page 450.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,

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LB 263, 370, 431, 448

Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 657 and 658 of the Legislative Journal.) 48 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. Next.

CLERK: (Read LB 370 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. Have you all voted? Senator Goll, do rise for a purpose?

SENATOR GOLL: Really not much of a purpose, Mr. Speaker. I just....that's right, I just would like to remind the Legislature that the water is still running down the Platte River and so thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 659 of the Legislative Journal.) 48 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. Senator Newell, do you wish to lay over your bill? The next one...431?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I have an amendment that just walked in I have to review. If we could lay it over for a moment, then I will prepare the amendment and deal with it later on Final Reading.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we will go to then, Mr. Clerk, to 448. LB 448, the Clerk will read.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 448 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. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 659 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 48 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

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263, 370, 448, 450,
465, 511, 592

Mr. President, Senator Barrett would like to have an executive session of the Business and Labor Committee tomorrow at ten-thirty, is that right, Senator, ten-thirty in the West Lounge. That is tomorrow morning, Business and Labor Committee.

Mr. President, Senator Duda asks unanimous consent to be excused all day February 17.

Mr. President, I have Legislative Bills passed on Final Reading 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 592, 511, 448, 370, 263, 239, 231, 198, 192, 450 and LB 465. We have one more guest that we would like to introduce. I believe he is under the North balcony, here as a guest of Senator Kremer, Mr. John Harris from Aurora. He has filed for the Legislature from the 34th District. Would Mr. Harris stand up and be recognized. Welcome to your Unicameral, Mr. Harris. And now the Chair recognizes the Honorable Senator Nichol from Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I want you to know that western Nebraska is still in great shape. Since it is Valentines Day just past and you need a little sweetening up, I heard a few remarks while out west over the weekend and so I thought I would sweeten you up a little today. There is some sugar from the Great Western Sugar Company up in front of the podium and I would ask that you would please take a bag for yourself. I would like to take the credit for buying this but I didn't buy it. It was given to me to give to you, and in spite of what Senator Dick Peterson says, why it is still a good food to eat and if he wants equal time that is fine but I thought I would return good for evil and bring you a little sugar this morning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Nichol. Did Senator Richard Peterson have something to add or another point? Senator Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, fellow colleagues, I would encourage my fellow colleagues to hands off all the sugar that is up there and you know the dentist and that are saying...I don't know, maybe Senator Nichol is being paid off by the dentist because you know this is bad for your teeth, so for gosh sakes go to honey.