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LB 520A

PRESIDENT: We are right on time with the special ceremony for the 1982 Mother recognition and, Mr. Clerk, if you have some matters to read in, you may do so at this time.

CLERK: Mr. President, one brief item, a new A bill by Senator Johnson, 520A. (Read title).

PRESIDENT: While we are waiting, Senator Rumery has his granddaughter, Amy Phares, of North Platte. Amy, where are you? Would you come out and be recognized. You are welcomed to the Legislature, Amy. Welcome. The Legislature will be at ease until we see if the Mothers of the Year are ready to come in. If not, why we won't wait too long. We will proceed with our business. Perhaps the Sergeant at Arms could advise me if they are about ready to come in. We will be at ease for a moment. While we are waiting then, the Chair would like to introduce from Senator Warner's District some 47 students from Waverly and Eagle, Mrs. Stall and Mrs. Helsing, teachers. They are up here in the South balcony. They just came in and they are waving up there. Welcome to your Legislature, Waverly and Eagle. The Chair recognizes Sergeant at Arms, Ray Wilson.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, we have lots of love amidst our chambers this morning. We have the Mother of the Year, the Young Mother of the Year and the chairman of the Nebraska Mothers of the Year Committee. The Mother of the Year is being escorted by Senator Barrett, the Young Mother by Senator Nichol and Mrs. Hasebroock by Senator Marsh.

PRESIDENT: The escorts will bring in the Mother of the Year, the Junior Mother of the Year and Mrs. Hasebroock. We would be pleased at this time to have Senator Barrett introduce the State Mother of the Year. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, friends and guests, it is my distinct pleasure this morning to present to you Mrs. Rodney A. Sitorius of Cozad, Nebraska, better known as Virginia, who has just been selected Nebraska's 1982 Mother of the Year. Virginia's accomplishments are almost legendary and far too numerous to enumerate at this time but I would, I believe, call your attention to just a couple of points. One of the criteria for the selection of Mother of the Year includes the accomplishments of the mother's children. Virginia is the mother of six very fine children, all of them involved in some phase of the medical profession. Virginia's husband, Dr. Rodney, has been a practicing medical doctor in Cozad for many years. One other accomplishment that I feel that I should call to

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LR 293, 294, 295  
LB 208, 428, 571, 633, 790, 924,  
970, 520A, 970A,

CLERK: Mr. President, a few items. The Rules Committee offers a report regarding rule changes previously offered to the Rules Committee. (Page 1605 of the Journal).

I have a gubernatorial confirmation hearing from the Education Committee. (Page 1606 of the Journal).

Senator Vard Johnson would like to print amendments to LB 924. (Page 1606-07 of the Journal).

Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Chambers. (Page 1607-08 of the Journal).

A communication from the Governor addressed to the Clerk regarding LB 208, 633, 790, 428, and 571. (See page 1609-10 of the Legislative Journal).

Mr. President, your Committee on E & R respectfully reports we have carefully examined and engrossed LB 970 and find the same correctly engrossed. 970A correctly engrossed.

Mr. President a new resolution LR 293 (read title). LR 294 (read title). LR 295 (read title). All were laid over.

SENATOR LAMB: If I could have your attention for just a few minutes. As you probably know we have a number of priority bills that have not been considered at this point. We have a number of revenue bills and appropriation bills that need further work and so our time is pretty short. In order to consider this whole situation we are scheduling a meeting of the chairmen at noon today in Room 2102, so we can discuss the whole situation and come up with some possible solutions.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: The first bill we are going to take up under item number four, General File, will be 520A.

CLERK: Mr. President 520A was a bill introduced by Senator Vard Johnson. (Read title). I have an amendment from Senator Johnson to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 520 is a bill that deals with child care and licensing thereof. During the first round debate on LB 520 Senator Cope asked me what I thought this bill would ultimately cost. I indicated

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to Senator Cope that our own legislative research council had told me that it would probably cost about \$60,000. Senator Cope then said to me, isn't it true Senator Johnson that we have got some user fees coming through on LB 928 and 966. And I said, yes we do but I don't exactly know what the level are, the level of those user fees are but they are coming through that it could well be that LB 520 would probably cost no money once we pass those user fees, put them into effect. In any event last Wednesday the Fiscal Analyst gave me the fiscal note to 520 and the fiscal note was not \$60,000 but rather was \$145,000. I was a little bit dismayed by that because I felt that probably some agencies had either been misreading the bill or else over estimating. So I met with them and they allowed, as they had been misreading the bill, and the Fiscal Analyst has revised the fiscal note, which I have now put out in front of you and you will see that the actual impact today of LB 520 would be \$52,230 for this current fiscal year, that is for the 82-83 fiscal year and \$55,885 for the 83-84 fiscal year. My amendment to LB 520A is designed to reduce the size of 520A from \$145,000 to \$52,230. On Select File I suspect Senator Cope I will have a further reduction to the 520A because by that time we will begin to reflect the user fees that are coming through on the other two bills. So it will all work out, but you know how it is sometimes, you just do it a step at a time. In any event at this time I would move the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the amendment to 520A? If not all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President on the adoption of Senator Vard Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Well at this juncture Mr. Speaker and members of the body I would move the bill. The bill is an appropriation of the \$52,230 for the 82-83 fiscal year and an appropriation of \$55,885 for the 83-84 fiscal year. On Select File, the fiscal analyst will give us an even further revised fiscal note simply because at that time I will have had 520 amended to reflect the user fee changes that are going through on 928 and 966. So the amount of the fiscal impact will be even less than the \$52,000 that we are talking about right now. But it is a very straight forward measure and I would ask you to advance this bill.

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SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the advancement of the bill? If not, all those who want to advance it vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I'm going to have to put the House under Call.

SENATOR CLARK: All those in favor of a Call of the House will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 0 nays, to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All Legislators will return to their seats and check in please. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor. We have six excused at the present time. While we are waiting I would like to introduce to you the two people that are here today they are friends of Steve Wiitala, they're his constituents, Sandy Irish and President elect of the Nebraska Education Association, Joe Higgins, they are under the north balcony, with his wife Cheryl. Will you stand and be recognized please. Welcome to the Legislature. They are all here. Do you want a roll call vote?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: We are voting on the advancement of 520, the A bill. Could we have it a little quiet so the Clerk can call the roll.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 23 ayes, 22 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting. Vote appears on pages 1612-13 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion fails, the bill is not advanced. 835A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 835A was a bill introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess at this point LB 835A is a formality. Our intent, Senator Wiitala's and mine is to amend our bill which 835 would establish itemized bills for people when they leave a hospital so they know what they are paying for. But the problem we have is we included in the committee amendments the Department of Public Institutions under this provision and evidently the way they bill is different process, they