

January 30, 1981

LB 536-540

Your Committee on Retirement Systems gives notice of public hearing in Room 1520 for February 12, 19, 26 and March 5. (See pages 381 and 382 of the Legislative Journal.) Your Committee on Business and Labor gives notice of hearing in Room 1019 for February 11, 18, 25, March 4 and March 11. (See page 382 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, new bills: (Read title for the first time to LB 536 through 540). (See pages 382 through 384 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. Clerk, do you have all the business cleared off your desk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I move we adjourn until Monday, February 2nd, 1981, at 9:30 a.m.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adjourn until Monday at 9:30 a.m. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. We are adjourned until Monday at 9:30 a.m.

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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; 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We now go to item #5, motions and the Chair will recognize Senator DeCamp. Mr. Clerk, do you want to....?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp made a motion to withdraw LBs 537, 538, 539 and 540. That motion was read on February 20. It has properly laid over pursuant to our rules. Because some of those bills have been scheduled for hearings it is necessary to suspend the rules and Senator DeCamp's motion is to suspend Rule 7, Section 12 so as to permit the cancellation of the public hearings on those particular measures.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I waive any opening and will answer anything on closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have consistently taken a stand against suspending the rules especially when there is a serious question involved and I think in this particular instance there may well be a serious question involved and I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a few questions if I may.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you yield?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't think I have a big choice. Go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Johnny...

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Chrissy.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have some questions you may consider to be somewhat annoying but I am really not trying to be annoying. I think the answers to the questions will very much affect my attitude towards what you are trying to do so I guess basically the first question is, why are these bills being withdrawn? Are they being withdrawn at the request of the Governor?

SENATOR DeCAMP: They are certainly being withdrawn at my request and to the best of my knowledge from what I read in the paper the Governor also, under the existing circumstances, supports that position.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The Governor has not specifically requested you to withdraw the bills, however? They were introduced in his behalf. Is that correct?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Clearly on his behalf, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And he has not specifically asked you to withdraw the bills?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Oh I think we mutually agreed after discussion that this was a wise policy.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it intended that the bills will be re-introduced next year?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Is it intended by me or the Governor?

SENATOR BEUTLER: By either.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Is not intended by me and what the Governor intends to do next year, God and the Governor know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so we don't know as a legislative body whether the Governor intends to reintroduce these bills next year or not. Is that... That is basically correct.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I think it is reasonable to say that nobody really knows for certain what they are going to do next year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. Members of the Legislature, I really think that before we take action to allow these bills to be withdrawn that we should get definite word from the Governor that there is no intention to introduce these bills again next year and let me tell you why I suggest that. If there is an intention to reintroduce these bills again next year then I think we should proceed to have the public hearings and if the committee wants to hold the bills for a year that is fine. But if they are going to be reintroduced next year there is going to be a tremendous waste of public monies and private monies by going through this same process all over again. Let me give you some examples. First of all, just the legislative printing costs on these bills, these four bills alone, was \$11,000. If these bills are reintroduced again next year that is a wasted \$11,000. I called one of the four agencies involved to see how much staff time they had put in in responding to the reorganization Task Force questions and questionnaires, responding to constituents, calling in and wanting to know what they could do, responding to staff inquiries and one of the four agencies indicated that they had expended \$25,000 in staff time to accommodate these things. Now if you multiply that times four, I didn't have the time to check all four agencies, but now we are up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. I think that it is reasonable to assume that if these bills are going to be reintroduced again next year that there will be a similar expenditure again next

year resulting in the waste of better than a hundred thousand dollars or more. In addition the Historical Society, for example, has spent a substantial amount of money on private mailings informing its constituents of what is happening. Now these mailings were funded by private donations as I understand it and not on public funds but once again, here is an expenditure of monies of the people of the State of Nebraska which will happen again next year unless it is ascertained that these bills will not be introduced again next year. In addition to that, Senator DeCamp himself indicated that he had received over a thousand letters on one of these bills. Well that is another tremendous expenditure of citizen time and money which will be reproduced again next year if these bills are introduced again next year. So what I am suggesting to you is that we do not allow these bills to be withdrawn at this point, that we get definite word from the Governor as to whether these bills are going to be reintroduced next year or not. If they are not being reintroduced next year then I suppose the best thing we can do is allow Senator DeCamp to withdraw them, cut our losses at the hundreds of thousands and call it quits but if they are going to be reintroduced next year, then to avoid...

**SPEAKER MARVEL:** Fifteen seconds.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** ...then to avoid these wasteful expenditures, I think that we should go ahead and hold the public hearings and then if the committee so choose to hold them in committee for a year. If we need more time to get organized, if we need more time for lobbying or whatever, we can do it without wasting all that money. The rule against cancelling notices of public hearings is a good rule and it is designed to preclude just the kind of waste that is about to take place if these bills are withdrawn. So I think you should think very seriously about voting in favor of a motion to suspend the rules to withdraw these particular bills. Thank you.

**SPEAKER MARVEL:** Senator Fowler and then Senator Wesely.

**SENATOR FOWLER:** Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as I am sure most of you know I have a friend in this Legislature who is a Republican. I was best man at his wedding, I helped name his child and even though he didn't come to my wedding he is still a friend. In spite of that it would be tempting to take advantage in a partisan way of this situation. One could describe the legislative effort behind these bills as chaotic, disorganized, ill-advised. Words like fiasco, failure might leap to one's vocabulary. One could stand up and quote Jerry Warner and say, "Why fix it if it is not broke." One could stand up and ask, "Who wanted these changes in law?" What was wrong with the Game and Parks

Commission or the Historical Society that these changes had to be made. One could lift up previous newspaper stories like last Tuesday's Lincoln Star and quote Governor Thone's reaction to Senator DeCamp's letter where he said he might withdraw these bills and say, I don't see any reason to get that exercise this early in the session. That was a week ago. One could do all those things but we know we have a nonpartisan Legislature here and I certainly would not want to exploit the awkward situation that my friend finds himself in because he introduced some bills on behalf of the Governor and I would not like to pin blame on him when he was just trying to sincerely bring issues before the Legislature so I am not going to say those things. I am going to support Senator DeCamp's motion because I am as grateful, probably not quite as grateful, but almost as grateful as he is to see these bills withdrawn this session so I support his motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, that is a tough act to follow so I will just be very brief. I have criticized the Governor and the efforts that he has made to reorganize government and I have been very explicit in my criticism and all I would like to say is, I told you so.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, then Senator Cullan.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Wesely would like to say I told you so. As I told him a number of years ago there is plenty of crow to go around in this body. We all get our share sooner or later and it doesn't hurt us too much, in fact, you get to enjoy it after you have had as much as I have had. I would just like to say that I support Senator DeCamp in his efforts to withdraw the bills. Senator Beutler has been one of those who has been the foremost opponent of the introduction of unnecessary bills. He is concerned now about the cost that has been incurred by the agencies relative to answering questions from the public and et cetera. I have a mind to say that perhaps we have already accomplished what needed to be done by the introduction of the bills. Frequently the introduction of the bill itself serves notice to individuals that they are not above the prerogative and the perusal of the Legislature and once having done so you will find that perhaps they operated a little more efficiently. This is not to imply that our former friend and colleague needed any prodding because he has been doing an excellent job but I think that without exception there would be an additional expense, Senator Beutler, if we proceeded

with the hearings because if you think that in the past the efforts that have been expended were going to cease, you can be very badly mistaken because I can assure you that all the various agencies involved will be marching out here four abreast and many thousands deep to retain the present position. I am not saying that they... Very frankly I would not have supported the bills, would not have supported the bills and I think that Senator DeCamp knows that as does the Governor but I think that to try to beat a dead horse across the finish line just for the purpose of maybe creating a little more controversy would be useless. So I would hope that we would withdraw the bills and proceed on with the legitimate work of the body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan and then Senator Johnson.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator DeCamp's motion to allow for withdrawal of these bills because that is the prerogative I think of the introducer and as Senator DeCamp said, the Governor indicated that he wanted to withdraw the bills in this particular session. Senator Beutler has made a number of speeches on the floor of the Legislature since this session started, probably more than most of us and probably more than a number of us combined and usually I appreciate the wisdom which he offers this body and the legal work that he does but I have to say I can't appreciate a great deal of the content of the comments that he delivered to us this morning. I find it hard to believe his estimate that a hundred thousand dollars has been expended on these bills. It sounds a little ridiculous and I guess that claim may be one that is made so that the newspapers have something flashy to write, I don't know, but it is pretty inconceivable to me that they have expended those kinds of monies and I believe he said one agency spend \$25,000 to protect itself. Well maybe the agency should allow a philosophical debate to occur and not spend so much of the taxpayer's money or public funds on protecting its own existence. Maybe that is a good reason for introducing the bills in of itself. The most ridiculous thing that Senator Beutler said though was that we should hold the Governor to a commitment not to reintroduce bills to change the structure of these state agencies. Well maybe if the Governor finds additional problems and maybe if he sees that a need to reorganize these agencies in the future he should have that option and I think it is ridiculous to assume that he should not be able to come back in next year with a more thoroughly researched program with more political support behind it to achieve the same objectives and Senator Beutler wants request for a commitment from the Governor to ask him not to do something that would in the long run be in the benefit of the future of the State of Nebraska is

simply ridiculous and I hope you dismiss it as such. I think that the Governor's Task Force has done a good job in a number of areas. They are asking the Legislature in a whole host of areas to generally improve the position of the executive as far as controlling and administering and monitoring the actions of state government are concerned. That certainly is laudable. The Governor of the State of Nebraska today has not nearly the kind of influence and control and oversight over the operation of state government as he should have and I am glad that the Governor is bringing a number of these proposals to our attention so that we could debate them and discuss them. I also respect him for not wasting our time when it becomes clear that some of these bills are not going to pass and I think I have to approve of his withdrawal, the fact that he recognizes the political realities of the State of Nebraska, recognizes the will of the people and withdraws bills when he indicates that pursuing them would not be in the best interest of this Legislature when we have many weighty subjects to introduce and many weighty subjects to debate. There are other proposals that the Task Force has submitted which will still be considered by this Legislature which will make substantive changes in the operation of state government that I think do have a strong chance of passage and I, for one, applaud the Governor and the Task Force for bringing these recommendations to us, for having the foresight to withdraw them and not waste our time when they know that they have little political chance of passing despite the merits of some of these proposals. So I urge you to support Senator DeCamp's motion to withdraw these bills and we can and will debate the more substantive ones later in this session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson and Senator Kahle. Senator Johnson. Okay, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, one of the controversial bills that you are talking about this morning would have been heard in our committee and I had asked Senator DeCamp a week ago or more whether he would consider withdrawing it and that was the one 537 which I have nicknamed "Hysterical Society" bill instead of Historical. You talk about saving money and spending money on these issues, I think he is a fool who will not turn back when he first discovers he is on the wrong track and we certainly were on the wrong track with this issue and the more we drag it out, if we had had the hearing and even an interim study was suggested, the more money we are going to spend. So I think it is a good idea to pull these bills back. I think it shows what public sentiment can do and should do in the democratic process and that is exactly what has happened under these conditions so I hope you will support



Senator DeCamp and that we will pull these four issues off. I feel kind of sorry for the Task Force that worked on them because I think they did work hard and are really unable to spend the time and effort to come in and defend their decisions which leaves us in kind of a predicament because I am sure the Governor doesn't want to support all of them either to that extent and we certainly can't do it from the committee standpoint in the Legislature, so I support the withdrawing of these four bills. I think it will make our task much easier and that the other sixteen or so bills that were introduced at the request of the Governor will be heard and that will certainly keep us busy for this session. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: If there are any other lights I would call for the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall debate cease is the issue. Okay, record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close on your...? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I ask for a division of the question is the question I want to know and I don't know how to get it in now so if I ask for a division of the question which I understand delays things, but the only way I know to... Well let me ask the Chair this. Does the cease debate prohibit discussion on bills one at a time? I don't want to delay things but... There was one comment, conceding what I was allowed to do, there was one comment that I would like to have clarified.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first motion, Senator Warner, is to, on ceasing debate is to suspend the rules to cancel the hearings. Then we proceed with other matter after that time.

SENATOR WARNER: Fine, I'll wait.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close on the motion to suspend the rules?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, it is my understanding then after, presuming this motion passes, then there will be an

opportunity to discuss the motion itself. Is that right?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Once again, I will wait until then and waive any closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of suspending the rules vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 1 nay to suspend the rules so as to cancel the public hearings, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the rules are suspended.

CLERK: Now the motion is to withdraw LB 537, LB 538, LB 539 and LB 540.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to address four issues. First of all, the origins of the Task Force, second of all, the history of the four bills involved here, third, the Task Force plans here in the Legislature this year and, finally, an answer to the objections, criticism raised by the opponents. The origins of the Task Force, somewhat over a year ago the Governor announced, I think before this Legislature, that he was going to form a citizens task force for the purpose of government, primarily of executive reorganization. He formed that Task Force. He appointed some of the most respected citizens of this state to be involved. They donated tens, nay, hundreds of thousands of dollars of their own time and money to preparing what they believed was a complete government reorganization, some seventy to eighty recommendations. From those recommendations the Governor went through them and he selected what he thought were the heart of those recommendations and then he went to various individual legislators and asked the legislators to introduce them. Fifteen of those recommendations we have before us in one form or another this year and they are what we would hope would be the essence of the Task Force reorganization. They include biannual appropriations sponsored by Senator Warner, Health Department code change sponsored by Senator Cullan, forms management sponsored by Senator DeCamp and Maresh, annual reports sponsored by Senator Lowell Johnson, cigarette tax changes and we may have some very major changes there sponsored by Senator Marvel, educational lands and funds changes, constitutional changes by Senator Warner, abolition of the weather modification sponsored by Senator Schmit, transfer

of surplus properties sponsored by Senator DeCamp, energy changes sponsored by Senator Kahle, State Patrol changes sponsored by Senator Nichol, risk managers system sponsored by myself and a number of other senators, restriction on the procedures for grain handling so that we don't have a situation like they had in Missouri sponsored by the Agricultural Committee, modification of the Criminal Reparations Board sponsored by Senator Pirsch and Schmit, nonresident violations compact sponsored by Senator Landis. So to say that we are not offering anything or that we are not offering anything substantive is a little foolish. Now what about the four bills involved that I am asking to withdraw today? Maybe in essence, Senator Beutler, in answer to your question, this was the most wise money ever spent by a Legislature because it was the most educational process that I have ever witnessed since I have been here. What education occurred? Far and wide in the length and breadth of every Nebraska community, Nebraskans for the first time learned to understand how unique Nebraska government is compared with other states and we as legislators learned to understand it. In fact, right or wrong, the Governor of the state in many, many respects is much like the King of England, a titular head with no control, no power, no supervision for all practical purposes over much of state government. Game and Parks, Library Commission, Historical Societies and other sixty, eighty different things out there that everybody presumes are controlled by the Governor, presumes are under the supervision of the Governor, presumes that the Governor is at fault for if something goes right or wrong, are, in fact, very directly under the control of the Legislature. We are the Governor of the State of Nebraska as legislators in one major area after another. We decide how much money they get, we decide what the laws are going to be under and for all practical purposes the Governor of this state has little or no control over a vast area of state government that everybody presumes he does. So the public has been educated and the public has reacted and they have reacted strongly and they have said, look we like the system the way it is and if they do, fine, but understand then you as legislators have a unique responsibility. You are, for all practical purposes, the Governor. You are the chief head and the responsible one over these agencies. So I am asking to withdraw the bills at the request of the Governor at the request of myself. I pointed out to the Governor and his staff that the only way these bills could pass would be if there was a very decisive effort on the part of the Governor to provide staff, personnel, whatever lobbying effort is necessary to really push the bills. For whatever reasons they chose not to. They believe this is the better course. I concur

in this decision because the only way these bills can be passed is with that kind of an effort and at least, apparently for now and the immediate future, the intent of this Legislature and of this Governor and of this state is to maintain the status quo in our system of government with the Legislature being the chief one responsible for many, many agencies of government.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take the political approach nor the friendship approach because sometimes I wonder how many friends I have here. I'm going to take the citizens approach, all those thousands of people out there in the State of Nebraska and they are going to say, amen, thank the Lord, the Legislature is withdrawing some bills instead of introducing more bills. So I support Senator DeCamp in his motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I was going to move the question but Senator Warner still hasn't been given the opportunity and I want to correct Senator DeCamp just a little bit. Who appoints all those people on those commissions, John? Senator DeCamp, who appoints the members of these various commissions?

SENATOR DeCAMP: The Governor appoints a great number of them. I don't know the exact. I would have to check each commission and look in the statutes at each one. The Governor has some appointive power. In terms of control by the Governor as I stated, very, very little.

SENATOR KOCH: Well don't you assume the Governor makes these appointments in good faith that they are responsible, that they are really going to carry out the mission of the commissions or is it strictly political, John?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well of course the Governor makes the appointment in good faith and all that.

SENATOR KOCH: All right then, he has a lot of control. He appoints thousands of people to commissions so he still has a control. Now, Senator Warner, you can take over.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you. I had a question for Senator Beutler for clarification if he would answer.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, will you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: I thought I understood you to say, Senator Beutler, that it cost \$11,000 to process the bills or something to the Legislature. Did I misunderstand?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Now, Senator Warner, my office called the Clerk's office to find out what the cost of printing the bills was and the information I got back was \$11,000 and there was a miscommunication between the Clerk...

SENATOR WARNER: For all bills or per bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: For the four bills.

SENATOR WARNER: And what is the true figure now?

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the true figure is not \$11,000 but \$1,100 and I have already so informed the press so that there is no misunderstanding on it.

SENATOR WARNER: And how was \$1,100 arrived at?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know. The Clerk could tell you that. I just called for information from the Clerk's office, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well I'm glad to see it has been...I'm not too good at working my little machine here. Just a minute. I just wanted to make sure that that was not misunderstood because that came out like the original figure, a million and a half dollars, the whole budget for the Clerk's office was \$900,000 and I was having a little trouble following that so if we revise just the printing figure that is... and I would hope that is an accurate figure then, just the printing alone although that, I assume there is a different cost for a two hundred page bill than whatever... One of these is one page so I suppose that if we are going to get a really accurate figure and it has nothing to do with these bills but the real argument would be, you see, that someone will pick that line up and apply it to unlimited introduction of bills and a whole lot of other criteria so the printing, I suspect, if we are going to use any figure better be a per page printing rather than divide all bills by ... all printing costs by just the number of bills introduced because obviously that is an erroneous figure as well. It has nothing to do with the issue and I would hate to see inaccurate information being floated around the state relative to the cost

of introduction of bills and I think that figure tends to do that, either way it tends to do it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question before the House is, shall debate cease. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair now recognizes Senator DeCamp to close on his motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, very briefly, I have come to bury Caesar, not to praise him and I would ask that we withdraw these bills. They have accomplished a very major purpose. They have educated the public. They have educated the Legislature. Finally, with respect to the major error on printing costs raised by Senator Beutler and corrected by Senator Warner, I hold no grudges against you, Senator Beutler, for that 1000% error. I have developed a certain accustomness to getting this. It was last year on my litter bill that they were going to increase the tax by \$100 and they promised me that is what they were doing on the floor and, in fact, they increased it by \$1,000 and I had to kill that poor bill so I am accustomed to getting inaccurate figures but I would hope that, on this and railroad legislation and many other things, that we would try to get our figures straight.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the withdrawal of the four bills. All those in favor of the DeCamp motion vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to withdraw the bills, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried and the bills are withdrawn. Do you have some items to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs whose Chairman is Senator Kahle to whom is referred LB 204 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File with amendments, (Signed) Senator Kahle as Chair.

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LR 192  
LB 111, 118, 129, 129A, 213, 318, 322,  
389, 389A, 472A, 523, 540, 548, 556, 556A

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

DR. ROBERT PALMER: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Would you all register your presence? We would like to get started. Senator Carsten, would you give us a green light and then we will start. Thank you, you got us under way. Record the presence, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 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 published. Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined LB 540 and find the same correctly enrolled; 322 correctly enrolled.

Mr. President, your enrolling clerk has presented to the Governor for his approval the bills that were read on Final Reading yesterday. (See page 2356 of the Journal regarding LBs 111, 118, 129, 129A, 523, 556, 556A, 213, 318, 389, and 389A.)

Mr. President, I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Beutler regarding LB 472A. (See pages 2356 through 2358 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a report from the Department of Administrative Services regarding lease approval.

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 192, offered by Senator Rumery. (Read LR 192 as found on pages 2358 and 2359 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

Mr. President, LB 548 and 322 are 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 548 and LB 322. Before we get started with today's activities, the Chair would like to introduce fifteen students from across the whole State of Nebraska,