

January 6, 1982

LB 618 - 645

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will stand at Ease for about five minutes. We have a few more bills to get in and we would like to get them in at this point. So the Legislature will stand at Ease for five minutes.

EASE

PRESIDENT: The Clerk will proceed with the reading of new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. LB 618 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 619 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 620 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 621 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 622 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 623 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 624 by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 625 by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 626 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 627 offered by Senators DeCamp and Kilgarin. (Read title). LB 628 offered by Senators DeCamp, Koch and Vickers. (Read title). LB 629 offered by Senator DeCamp. (Read title). LB 630 offered by Senator Newell. (Read title). LB 631 offered by Senators Von Minden, Hefner and Goll. (Read title). LB 632 offered by Senators Wesely, Remmers and Rumery. (Read title). LB 633 offered by Senator Clark. (Read title). LB 634 offered by Senator Newell. (Read title). LB 635 offered by Senator Kahle. (Read title). LB 636 offered by Senator Warner. (Read title). Mr. President, new bills. LB 637 offered by Senator Vickers. (Read title). LB 638 offered by Senator Koch. (Read title). LB 639 offered by Senator Wiitala. (Read title). LB 640 offered by Senator Wiitala. (Read title). LB 641 offered by Senator Wiitala. (Read title). LB 642 offered by Senator Wiitala. (Read title). LB 643 offered by Senator Wiitala. (Read title). LB 644 offered by Senator Vickers. (Read title). Mr. President, LB 645 introduced by Senator Kilgarin. (Read title). (See pages 95 through 100 of the Legislative Journal).

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely, Chairman of the Rules Committee, to proceed with item #10. I would respectfully remind the Legislature once again that we need to keep moving in order to remove some of the roadblocks, and if we don't they are going to be there as big as life itself. The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESLEY: I move the adoption of permanent rules for this legislative session.

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LB 139, 413, 573, 633,
647, 681, 696, 744,
767, 779, 827

Senator Wagner would like to print amendments to 696.

Your committee on Education whose Chairman is Senator Koch reports LB 827 to be advanced to General File with committee amendments. Signed by Senator Koch.

Your committee on Government reports 647 advanced to General File; 696 General File; 767 General File; 681 General File with amendments; 744 General File with amendments. All signed by Senator Kahle.

Mr. President, Senator Marsh would like to print amendments to LB 139 in the Journal.

Senator Chambers moves that the body reconsider its Final Reading vote on LB 413. That will be laid over.

Your committee on Rules gives notice of hearing.

Your committee on Public Works reports LB 573 advanced to General File with committee amendments; 633 advanced to General File with amendments. Signed by Senator Kremer.

SENATOR CLARK: LB 779.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 779 (read title). The bill was read on January 12, referred to the Banking Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, committee amendments.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, since the committee amendments are nothing more than putting in four words that were left out by the bill drafter when the bill was drafted which coordinate with the rest of the bill, what I thought would be proper then would be to explain the whole bill or attempt to and deal with the whole bill rather than just deal with the amendment separately. LB 779 has several sections and several purposes and once again it was a bill introduced at the request of the Nebraska Bankers Association. It deals with matters in banking. As everybody knows, banks also need on occasions to borrow money to meet day to day reserve and other requirement. Okay, Section 1, in line 5, in other words, Section 1 of the bill eliminates a term called "rediscounts and bills payable". The reason this is eliminated is because it is obsolete and nonapplicable language and we substitute instead the modern language of "direct borrowing". Now this section broadens, so everybody understands, I am broadening the

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LB 633, 816, 882, 893

Kahle on LB 882; one to Senator Carsten regarding LB 816 and a fourth to Senator Cullan on LB 893. (See pages 1153-1163 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Alright, we're ready then for the next bill on General File, priority consent calendar, LB 633.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 633 is a bill offered by Senator Clark. (Read.) The bill was read on January 6, referred to Public Works. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are Public Works Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer for purposes of discussing the committee amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members, here again we're dealing with telephone companies in a little bit different light. This bill, just to make a brief statement, I already explained the amendments, provides that a telephone company can assess a rate increase and impose that increase on a temporary basis until such time that the PSC acts upon it. However, the committee amendments provide, since we use the language, "common carrier," it limits the word common carrier to telephone companies. So we're dealing under the committee amendment only with telephone companies. Secondly, it provides that they can collect only 75% on a provincial basis of this rate request until such time that the PSC acts upon it. Then should the PSC make a decision and they are in excess of what they are allowed under this decision, that excess has to be returned to the subscriber. That, in essence, is the explanation of the committee amendments. I move their adoption.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark. Okay, Senator Beutler, do you wish to discuss the committee amendments? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A question of Senator Kremer, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, will you respond.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kremer, the committee apparently added the language, "When making its final determination on the application, the commission shall not consider the rates and charges of the company put into effect pending such final determination." What is the purpose of that particular language?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, the rate increase can take place only until such time, I mean on a temporary basis, and then only 75% of the request, until such time the PSC acts upon it.

Then if what the PSC grants is in excess of...I mean if the rate increase is in excess to that provided by the PSC then the excess has to return to the subscriber. Did I answer your question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't think so. I'm not sure why it is necessary to say that the commission shall not consider the rates or charges the company put into effect pending the final determination. It seems to be saying the commission shall not look at what the rates are that were put into effect, apparently the 75%, and I'm not sure why that has to be in there or what its intent is.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion?

SENATOR KREMER: I think, Chris, they are admitting that they may want less than the 75%.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So in other words what is going to happen is that they are going to jack up the application so high that putting into effect 75% of the application is really going to be what they want in the end anyway and so the language is going to have no effect.

SENATOR KREMER: I think...I'm just trying to explain what the committee did. They did not allow them to collect the full request, only 75%, and if any excess gets collected... maybe Senator Clark, (interruption.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark...I think Senator Clark would like to answer that. Senator Clark, would you respond to...

SENATOR KREMER: ...would you expand further on my explanation?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes. Senator Beutler, as you recall the original bill, when they put in for an increase they put it in for 100% and they would put that 100% in on a refundable basis but the committee cut that down to where they could only...say 75% would go in on a refundable basis. Now after that goes in and the commission makes a determination, if it is a year, year and a half, it makes no difference what it is, that PSC rate increase would take effect. If it is less or more, then it is going to be refundable if the rate is less than what they put into effect, it is going to be refundable. Do you understand that? It will be refundable to the people.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I understand the procedure. I don't understand the necessity for the particular language that I quoted to Senator Kremer.

SENATOR CLARK: The 75%?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No. The language that says, "When making its final determination on the application, the commission shall not consider the rates and charges of the company put into effect pending such final determination." Why does that have to be there?

SENATOR CLARK: They ask for one rate but the PSC may put a different rate into effect so it is entirely two different things. They may ask for a fifty cent increase and the PCS says 25%, twenty-five cents I mean. (inaudible.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Why don't we discuss it, Senator Clark, later. I just thought there was an easy answer and I don't want to take up all your time. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Beutler, let me try very quickly to say the reason that is very clearly laid out is they do not want the commission to have a responsibility to try and get 75% of any figure. They simply will look at the old figure when they are making their calculations. In no way should 75% of what they have asked for be part of the deciding factor so that is why it is clearly laid out.

SENATOR CLARK: That is very true.

PRESIDENT: Anything further? Alright, Senator Kremer, anything further on the adoption of the committee amendment? Alright, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments on LB 633. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Clark, you may proceed to discuss the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Very quickly and I think I've only got about ten minutes left on the bill but...

PRESIDENT: How much?

SENATOR CLARK: Ten minutes.

PRESIDENT: No.

SENATOR CLARK: We just start at ten, ten.

PRESIDENT: No, nine. You'd better start.

SENATOR CLARK: Well I can talk fast like Senator Wesely if I have to. This really does not change the law as far as the time limit is concerned. The law says now they will hear it within six months and make a determination in thirty days so it is six months and thirty days or seven months. If they have not made a determination in that length of time then they can put in 75% of the one they asked for, the rate they asked for. That is really all the bill does on a refundable basis. What it's really going to do is to make the Public Service Commission hear these cases as the law says they should hear them now. They have one coming up this week over there with General Telephone. It has been on file a year. Why they would wait a year is more than I know unless they are playing politics with it. That is the only reason they could do it because they can hear this. I grant you that those things are about so thick when they bring them in but it is not all new. I mean, they know what the Bell Telephone System is worth, LT & T is worth, General, they know basically what it is worth because that hasn't changed that much. They merely have to update it so it should not take that long and that is exactly what this bill will do. It says that in seven months if they have not made a determination the telephone company can put in 75% of what they had asked for and at that time then the PSC can make any determination they want on the hearing at any time they want. If they want to take the year then they can do it but this is on a refundable basis and the only thing that will be put in will be that which is refundable. They will not put in anything on toll charges, this type thing that is not refundable. And I just ask that the bill be moved to E & R please. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, did you wish to discuss the bill? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I still have some problems with this particular bill and I guess my concern derives from the question of whether the telephone companies are really going to have any incentive to negotiate in a good faith basis with the Public Service Commission on these rates if we make this kind of a change in the law. Basically what you are saying with this bill is that the telephone company can put into effect its new rates and then the telephone company and the commission can negotiate for an indefinite period in the future as to what the permanent rate will be. But I don't think we should kid ourselves. In the meantime the telephone companies are going to adjust the 75% that they can have and can get will be what

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they think they should be getting. They will simply make that adjustment beforehand so that the provision relating to 75% of the request is not necessarily going to have any effect whatsoever and I think maybe a sham and I think that this bill needs further amendment in the sense that it needs some mechanism to ensure that the telephone companies will themselves continue to negotiate the rates in a good faith method and without delay. If nobody else makes that kind of amendment I suppose I will be back with some suggestions in that regard on Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Clark, you may close.

SENATOR CLARK: What Senator Beutler says has nothing to do with the telephone company negotiating anything. The PSC can set this rate within seven months time. That is what it is for. They can do it. I don't care if they ask for 5000% more than what they think they can get. If they do this within seven months which they should do and the law says they should do it now, the PSC sets their rate and that is all there is to it. What this will do will make them set that rate within a seven month period of time. The telephone company does not want to go in and put in any kind of an artificial rate. They would much prefer to have the rate that is going to be set eventually anyway by the PSC and that is what the bill does. So the PSC will still set the rate regardless of what happens. The telephone company cannot come in and ask for 5000% more. The PSC will set that rate within a seven month period and I merely ask for the bill to go to E & R.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to ... he was closing, Senator Higgins. The motion is the advance of LB 633. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. LB 633 is advanced to E & R initial. The next bill is LB 668.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 668 offered by Senators Barrett, Remmers, Sieck, Schmit and Richard Peterson. (Read.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year. It was referred to the Ag and Environment Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, I do have Agricultural and Environmental Committee amendments attached.

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LB 573, 633, 668, 708, 751,
875, 714, 790, 766, 890A,
579, 662, 677

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: The prayer will be given this morning by Monsignor Charles Keenan, Blessed Sacrament Church, from Lincoln.

MONSIGNOR KEENAN: Prayer.

SENATOR CLARK: Roll call.

RECORDER MALFUNCTION - (Inaudible)

The following information was taken from the Legislative Journal dated March 17, 1982.

LB 573 placed on Select File as amended. LB 633 placed on Select File as amended. LB 688 placed on Select File. LB 768 Placed on Select File as amended. LB 751 placed on Select File as amended. LB 875 placed on Select File as amended. LB 714 Placed on Select File as amended. LBs 790, 766, 890 All placed on Select File.

LB 579 was passed with the emergency clause. Vote appears on page 1211 of the Legislative Journal. 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, 7 excused and not voting.

RECORDER NOW OPERATING

CLERK: Read LB 662.

SENATOR CLARK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

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

CLERK: 43 ayes, 1 nay, 5 excused and not voting. Vote appears on page 1212 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The Clerk will read LB 677.

aye, opposed nay. LB 573 is advanced to E & R for Engrossment. We are ready, Senator Nichol, are you ready yet? No? We will go on to the next bill then, LB 633.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 633, there are E & R amendments.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 633.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the E & R amendments to 633. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor of adopting the E & R amendments to 633 signify by saying aye, opposed nay. The E & R amendment to 633 are adopted. Any further amendments?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin, would you wish to advance the bill?

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 633.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance 633. Any discussion? All those in favor of advancing 633 to E & R for Engrossment signify by saying aye, opposed nay. LB 633 is advanced to E & R for Engrossment. Next bill is 668.

CLERK: I have nothing on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 668.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance LB 668 to E & R for Engrossment. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. LB 668 is advanced to E & R for Engrossment. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, LB 708, instead of taking the time of the body to work out amendments, we are doing this on the side and I think that we have it worked out but they won't be printed and we will have to pass over this today.

PRESIDENT: So you are asking that it be passed over. All right, 708 will be passed over. We will go on to LB 751, Mr. Clerk.

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LB 208, 573, 633, 668, 693,
739, 751, 766, 790, 816,
869, 875, 892, 952

Would they also be recognized and welcome to your Nebraska Legislature to you. Yes, the Clerk will now, before we commence Final Reading, read some matters in.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would like to print amendments to LB 816; Senator Carsten to 693. (See pages 1368-1369 of the Legislative Journal.)

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 573 and find the same correctly engrossed; 633, 668, 739, 751, 766, 790, 869, 875, 892 and 952 all correctly engrossed.

PRESIDENT: All right, we're ready then if all the members are at your desks, we're still on Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, will you commence on Final Reading, LB 208.

CLERK: (Read LB 208 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 208 pass. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1370 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 17 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 208 passes. The next bill on Final Reading, Mr. Clerk, is LB 383.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 383 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 383 pass. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1371 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 383 passes. Before we go to the next bill, I notice that we have some rolls being passed out. If you want to know what that is for, why we'll have to all recognize Senator Howard Peterson's birthday. It was March 22, Howard, and we say "happy birthday" to you and join in. Happy birthday, Howard. The next bill on Final Reading while you're celebrating Senator Peterson's birthday is LB 421.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 421 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure hav-

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CLERK: (Read LB 633 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 633 pass. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 1511-1512 of the Legislative Journal.) 40 ayes, 3 nays, 5 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 633 passes. The next bill on Final Reading will be LB 668.

CLERK: (Read LB 668 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 668 pass. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 1512-1513 of the Legislative Journal.) 41 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, and 3 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT: LB 668 passes. The next bill on Final Reading is LB 739.

CLERK: (Read LB 739 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 739 pass. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1513 of the Legislative Journal.) 45 ayes, 0 nays, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 739 passes. The next bill on Final Reading is LB 751.

CLERK: (Read LB 751 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 751 pass. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1514 of the Legislative Journal.) 45 ayes, 0 nays, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 751 passes. The next bill on Final Reading is LB 766.

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LB 761, 790, 817, 852, 869
875, 892, 751, 766, 807,
573, 633, 668, 739,

SENATOR CLARK: The motion carried. Yes, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I was wondering if it was too late to change a vote.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, it is now. He has announced the vote.

SENATOR WARNER: I was just going to vote no for purposes of reconsideration.

SENATOR CLARK: You did vote no, I think.

SENATOR WARNER: I mean yes so I could move.

CLERK: Mr. President, while we are waiting your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 807 and find the same correctly engrossed.

Mr. President, the bills read on Final Reading yesterday are now ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LBs 573, 633, 668, 739, 751, 766, 790, 817, 852, 869, 875 and 892. Did I hear somebody raise the Call? The motion is to raise the Call. The Call is raised.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion. Senator Wesely would move to reconsider the vote just taken on adoption of Senator Koch's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to yield my time to Senator Warner. He didn't get much of a chance to discuss the situation with that amendment. Although I support the concept, I understand there is an alternative perhaps we ought to take a look at, and so I am asking you to reconsider that vote and I will yield the rest of my time to Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if the body wishes to increase

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LB 875, 892, 893
LB 127, 573, 633, 668, 739, 751,
761, 766, 790, 816, 817, 852, 869

and nail him then and we can go on with the proceedings so that we can proceed with the business.. Would that be okay with you?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I don't know whether I want to vote to stay here or not because I don't know if it is going to do any good, because I don't know what might be on special order tomorrow and the next day.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well, I don't know that we are going to resolve that by debating that and I would really strongly suggest that we stick to the procedure that we are in right now. If you don't get a.....

SENATOR HIGGINS: I wish we would have stuck with the procedure we voted on two weeks ago.

SENATOR NICHOL: Let's get in our seats, please, so we can continue with the roll call vote and we will get going here. You have been very patient and I appreciate it but let's try to hang on there a little bit longer. Maybe we can get this bill passed or on its way. Proceed with the roll call, please. Please go to your seats.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 1592 and 1593 of the Legislative Journal.) 23 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: The amendment is not adopted. Shall we move on to the next one, Pat? Do you want to read something in first?

CLERK: Very quickly, Mr. President. I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator DeCamp, one to Senator Sieck and one addressed to Senator Warner. (See pages 1593 through 1597 regarding LBs 816, 127 and 893 in the Legislative Journal.)

Your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor the bills that were read on Final Reading yesterday, Mr. President. (Regarding LBs 633, 790, 573, 668, 739, 751, 766, 817, 852, 869, 875 and 892.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have is one offered by Senator Burrows.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this amendment simply strikes the language that

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LR 293, 294, 295
LB 208, 428, 571, 633, 790, 924,
970, 500A, 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