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LR 2

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I would like to rise on a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR LAMB: Please state your point.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I did not vote for Senator Landis' resolution and I would like to explain that when I campaigned for office, the promise I made to the people of my district was I will always vote with you and never against you. The people in my district did not support Governor Thone and, therefore, I could not sign the resolution as Senator Landis and other Senators...I beg your pardon. Does somebody else have the floor? This was my reason for not supporting the resolution because the people in my district did not support the Governor's record. I could not then go against the people in my district and vote against them when I promised to always vote with them, and there is nothing personal in it.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign engrossed LB 1 and engrossed LB 2.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator Dworak to suspend Rule 4, Section 6, so as to permit consideration of LR 2 today.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I move that we suspend the rules to insert the following resolution and I would read the resolution now. (Read LR 2. See pages 76 and 77, Legislative Journal.) I move the adoption of that resolution.

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President and colleagues, I would second this resolution. I have not had the privilege and the pleasure of serving with Lieutenant Governor Luedtke for more than two years but I do think he has been a very fair President of this legislative body. Can I have a little quiet please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, could we come to order. Senator Higgins....we are having difficulty hearing Senator Higgins and we would appreciate it if you would hold it a little quieter.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I will repeat, though we are of opposite political parties, I think Lieutenant Governor Roland Luedtke has been the most ethical President of this legislative body that I have ever read about and I have ever had the

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pleasure of serving with and I will second Senator Dworak's resolution and I will be most happy as a member of the Legislature to sign that resolution. With the greatest of sincerity, I am going to miss Lieutenant Governor Roland Luedtke and he has set a fine example for the incoming Lieutenant Governor to follow. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is the suspension of the rules to allow action on this resolution today. Those in support of this motion vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to suspend the rules so as to consider LR 2, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker, I would also like to have an indication on the Board of those that would wish to join in cosponsoring this resolution and several have asked and it is back here for signatures. So if we could have the Board for that and then I would also move the adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR LAMB: The Board is open for those who would care to join in the resolution for President Luedtke. Voting aye, Mr. Clerk. Have you all indicated your preference? Record. Senator Carsten, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we have just in the last few minutes had placed on our desks a letter from Mr. Emory Burnett who has...

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Carsten, could I...we have not finished the vote on this resolution.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Excuse me, I am sorry. If I can be recognized later, I will go ahead and try.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, sir. The motion is the adoption of the resolution by Senator Dworak. Those in support vote yes. Those opposed vote no. Voting aye, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a request for record vote. (Record vote read.

See page 77, Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 6 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: That motion passes.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, we will go back to you now and then Senator Labedz after you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we have just been placed on our desk a letter to the Chairman of the Exec Board, Senator Lamb, from Mr. Emory Burnett announcing his retirement and while I am fully aware that this may be a little premature, I would suggest to this body that when this body does meet in January that a proper resolution be drawn at that point for consideration and adoption, recognizing the many, many years that Mr. Burnett has served the state and is probably the most knowledgeable of any individual relative to the statutes of the State of Nebraska. I think his replacement is going to be extremely difficult to find but I would certainly hope that this body would recognize his devotion and dedication to this body as well as the state over the many years. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, since the members of the body are in such a light mood this morning and in the habit of voting yes I would like to suspend the rules and see whether or not we can take up a situation that I believe is important and take a vote now whether we should seat Senator John DeCamp on January 1st.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, you say you don't want that taken up right now? Okay.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, no resolutions either.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the Clerk will strike from the record such...even such references, Senator DeCamp. Okay. The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I would just like to second Senator Carsten's comments about Emory Burnett. As the E & R chairman for two years and working with him I think we, too, should recognize the work he has done for the many years in the Legislature and I would like to second his motion.

PRESIDENT: Let's stand at ease until we have somebody we are waiting for.

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PRESIDENT: At this time I would like to present Senator Lamb, the Acting Speaker, for a presentation. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: You do have on your desks the letter of resignation of Emory Burnett and at this point the Legislative Council would like to present Emory with this certificate of recognition. "The Nebraska Unicameral Legislature does hereby extend its congratulations and directs that this citation be