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LB 839, 215

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner offers a motion to reconsider the Committee on Committees vote as found on page 258 yesterday. That will be laid over.

Mr. President, new bill, LB 839 (Read title).

Mr. President, committee on Banking gives notice of hearing for Monday, January 25, January 26, February 1, 2, and 8. Your committee on Revenue gives notice of hearing for January 19.

Senator Johnson and Landis would like to print amendments to LB 215 in the Journal.

Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 207 (Read. See pages 298 and 299, Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

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and I have worked out strikes all reference to sanctions. That would be the last Whereas in the original resolution, the first paragraph of the "Resolve" which relates to sanctions. Then in the second "Whereas" it says that the right to organize and so forth is "one of the". Senator Schmit wanted that for additional clarification. That is the amendment and I would ask that you adopt it.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on the Chambers' amendment? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Chambers amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Now we are back on the resolution. All those in favor of the resolution will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: While we are waiting for the vote I would like to announce there will be a Chairmen's meeting tomorrow morning at 8:30 in Room 2102. Have you all voted on the adoption of the resolution? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amended resolution, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The resolution is adopted. LR 207.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 207 found on page 207 of the Journal, introduced by Senators Koch, Vickers, Warner, Hoagland, Lamb, Beutler, Hefner, Kremer, Witala, Goll, Fenger and Beyer. (Read LR 207).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This resolution deals with domestic policies relating to education and specifically to four school districts. Probably more but four are very seriously impacted districts where the aid from the federal government amounts to 25 percent up to 70 percent of their total budget, and meeting the other day with the Indian schools and with the Bellevue School

system we would advise that the outlook is indeed very difficult and particularly not for this fiscal year because I understand there may be a continuing resolution through March that would help them. However, when you look at the next fiscal year, it becomes obvious that they are not going to be able to plan based upon what the news that is presently being circulated and that is a severe reduction of PR874 dollars which affects A students and for those you who are not familiar with that, that means students who live and work on the reservation. And I am talking about the SAC, Strategic Air Command and I am also talking about three Indian schools which we consider to be public schools. What this resolution does, it merely denotes to the various parties at the federal level the serious financial conditions that they are placing upon these systems, and I would remind you that if the federal government does not meet its responsibility in finances and fiscal impact more nearly to the degree they should, then this state is going to have to pick up somewhere close to \$6 million in order to keep these school systems going. And I am sure all of you know that our fiscal problems in this state are not as...probably not as serious as they are at the federal level but certainly we have some problems of our own. So we are merely saying to the President, and to the management of the budget, and to various committees, the appropriate committees in Congress and to our own delegation that we hope they will look seriously at what they are going to do to these four school systems and help to relieve them in terms of the historical responsibility they have assumed. This goes back a hundred years or more because Congress has seen fit to take care of public schools that we call Indian Reservations and also severely impacted military reservations. For those of you who may not know it, in the case of SAC, when they built that complex there the present...not the present delegation in Nebraska, but saw fit to give complete jurisdiction to the federal government, and when they gave that complete jurisdiction it means the Bellevue school system cannot tax any property as a part of what we know as the reservation of the Strategic Air Command. I ask for the adoption of LR 207.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I am concerned about the federal cutback to schools that are using 874 funds because I have an Indian reservation in my district, the Santee Indian Reservation, and, of course,

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the question arises how are we going to support these schools if the federal government does not help us by providing some of these funds? If we had a little more time, maybe we could figure out different ways. Some states use more state aid funds and other states use other various means. The property tax base on these reservations are very limited and so I think by passing this resolution and sending it to the proper authorities that maybe they will go along with us for another year or two and then we can see how we want to fund these particular districts. So I would urge you to support this resolution.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on the resolution? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The resolution is adopted. We now go to number 6, LB 378.

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PRESIDENT: A 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 Administrative Rules and Regulations whose chairman is Senator Vard Johnson reports LB 649 to General File.

Mr. President, I have a gubernatorial appointment letters appointing Mr. Don Stenberg to the Department of Administrative Services; Colonel Elmer Kohmetscher as Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol and Mickey Skinner to the Games and Parks Commission. Those will be referred to the Reference Committee.

Mr. President, I have a communication from the Secretary of State regarding a return of LB 376 to the Legislature. I also have an accompanying Attorney General's opinion addressed to Mr. Beerman regarding that matter. It will also be inserted in the Journal.

Mr. President, LR 199, 206 and 207 are ready for your signature. (See pages 373-375 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of doing business I propose to sign and I do sign LR 199, LR 206 and LR 207. We're ready then for agenda item #4, General File, the priority bill, LB 375. Mr. Clerk, if you will bring us up to where we are.