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operation. Now I haven't had a chance to examine this proposal enough. I don't exactly know how serious the need for this is but I thought in southwestern Nebraska we were having quite a number of new oil wells being explored, being brought in and I was a little surprised to find out that we needed to allow foreign corporations and aliens and undoubtedly the Oil and Gas Commission must feel that way. But I question the wisdom of allowing foreign corporations to come in and compete with some of our own local people, Nebraskans, that are out there in the business of trying to develop our natural resources in this state, buying up the leases as they may. Some of the small farms out in my district in the McCook area are doing this right now and are having a competed course with the national firms, corporations that we have here in the United States. Now we are going to say they have to compete with everybody in the whole world and I'm not sure that that's a good policy for this Legislature to take. I think at this point in time I'm going to have to vote against this bill until I have a chance to study the need for it a little bit more than I have at this point in time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you want me to close? I have just found out that oil in the United States cannot leave the United States. That is a federal regulation. Already this is happening of course in Colorado and Wyoming that foreign corporations can own the land there because of their laws. It is unclear in Nebraska whether this can happen or not. What this does is to clarify it. I don't think that you're going to find any Oil and Gas Commission is going to put any law in that is going to take anything out of Nebraska but they are extremely interested in getting additional money out there for wildcat wells. Probably 98% of the oil in Nebraska is produced in my district and we are interested in getting this foreign investment, therefore, I would suggest that you put this bill to E & R. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill to E & R. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The Clerk has an item on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 213 by Senator Landis and Hoagland. (Read LR 213 as found on pages 513-514 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that will

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be laid over for legislative consideration.

Mr. President, finally, again a reminder that the Education Committee will meet in exec session after their hearing is concluded this afternoon in Room 1517.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you want to adjourn us until Wednesday, February 3rd at nine o'clock.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn the body until Wednesday at nine o'clock.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried. We are adjourned until 9:00 a.m., February 3rd.

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before the session is over. So when you can see Senator Newell and I on the same side of an issue, then as Aristotle said, that when you get even enemies to agree on a proposition, you can rest assured that the proposition probably is true and has value. So although Senator Newell is often wrong, he is very right this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, your light is on.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, that is what makes me nervous about this resolution is having Senator Chambers and Senator Newell on the same side. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on LR 210. Who requested a record vote? Senator Landis. Okay. Have you all voted?

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 557 and 558 of the Legislative Journal). 39 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The resolution is adopted. Before we go to the next item, underneath the north balcony from Senator Rumery's District it is my privilege to introduce Mr. Jess Nielsen who is a constituent of Senator Rumery. Jess, welcome once again to the Unicameral. LR 212.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 212 is on page 511 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, just ask to refer it to a committee, Public Works I suppose and let them do what they want with the resolution. Have a hearing on it or whatever, rather than take up any time at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there an objection to referring this resolution to a committee? Hearing none, so ordered. The item, LR 213.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 213 offered by Senators Landis and Hoagland, found on page 513-514. (Read LR 213).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature,

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having said everything I want to on this subject in the resolution, I move its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: That is your opening and closing. All those in favor of the adoption of LR 213 as discussed vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 213.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the resolution is adopted. Do you have other items? Item #6, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, first bill, LB 654, was a bill introduced by the Education Committee and signed by its members. (Read title). The bill was read on January 6th of this year, referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. LB 654 deals with the Commissioner of Education. And what the bill very simply does is it allows the State Board of Education to offer a three-year contract to the Commissioner. In the past there has been some discussion on the part of that board whether or not they can offer a contract longer than for an annual term. And I think it is important that we clarify this for the State Board in view of the fact that within probably a couple years they will be looking for a new commissioner and this would not be unusual to offer that person up to three years when they are looking and seeking for a new commissioner. So I ask for LB 654 to be adopted and moved to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on 654? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would just like to ask Senator Koch for some explanation of 654. When I read the bill the other night and, of course, I can't find it quick-like to read it again, but I read it the other night. It seemed to me, Senator Koch, that it was saying that the State Board of Education if it decided to offer a contract, had to offer a contract

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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Prayer this morning by Major John Werner of the Salvation Army here in Lincoln.

MAJOR WERNER: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Have you all registered your presence this morning? We're ready.... Record the attendance, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A quorum being present, are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Journal will stand correct as published. Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, two brief items, LR 210 and 213 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 LR 210 and LR 213. The Legislature will stand at ease for a moment.

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PRESIDENT: We're ready then for the Legislature to come back to order. We will go to agenda item #4, Select File, LB 274.

CLERK: Mr. President, 274 was last considered on January 26th of this year. At that time the E & R amendments were adopted. There was an amendment from Senator Remmers that was adopted. Mr. President, we now have pending a motion from Senator Sieck to indefinitely postpone the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, it is kind of early in the morning for me to be trying to kill a bill but I feel that this bill does not have much merit. I feel that the insurance companies can provide their own education and some of them are providing their own education and why can't all the insurance companies do this? And I think they are. Now visiting with the insurance agents on health I found that they already have a terrific educational