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working to the same goal, and I want to express to you my appreciation for your cooperation and I think that with the motion or two that we have on the Clerk's desk, I think things will be fairly well cleared up, and if there is anything that I can do for any member of this Legislature, it is my job to try to make things easier, I pledge you my support and all you have to do is ask me. But I wanted to tell you one and all I thank you for the way you have conducted yourself and I sincerely appreciate it. Thank you.

Now the Legislature will be at ease for a few moments while the Reference Committee completes its work and then we will get back to the Clerk's desk.

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SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read some things into the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, new resolution, LR 5. (Read LR 5 as found on pages 192 and 193 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that will be laid over pursuant to our rules.

Mr. President, your Committee on Retirement Systems gives notice of hearing for January 20, next Tuesday, and your Committee on Government and Military Affairs gives notice of hearing for January 29 and 30. (See pages 193 and 194 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a Reference Report from the Executive Board referring up through 171. (See pages 194 and 195 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have two bills on General File that we are going to take up this afternoon, LB 1 and LB 2, and for that the Chair recognizes....do you have something? Okay. All right, the Clerk will read the title and then we will refer to LB 1.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1 was introduced by Senator Lamb as Chairman of the Executive Board. (Read title). The bill was first read on January 8 of this year. It was referred directly to General File. It is a revisory bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I might just explain briefly to some of the new members

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The Executive Board in Room 1517 at 11:00 a.m. this morning.

PRESIDENT: We are ready then to proceed with agenda item #4 on resolutions, LR 5, Mr. Clerk, if you would read the resolution.

CLERK: Read LR 5 as found on page 192 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you may recall when the Governor gave his address the other day he mentioned the importance on a state level of expanding our sphere of contact and influence with Asian and European countries, even mentioned setting up an office in Tokyo which I certainly hope will be done. This past summer, ten of the members of the Nebraska Legislature, as most of you know, made a trip to Taiwan, Republic of China, to study their economy, to study their business activity, to learn about their feelings towards us and quite frankly, to express to them our keen desire as a state to maintain relations on an agricultural and economic basis of marketing our products to them. At the time we went there the five year trade agreement was about to expire. It has now expired. We met with the highest officials of that government and arranged for them to come here in March on a buying trip, and by here I mean to Nebraska, and they will be here in March and we hope another delegation from Nebraska will be going back to Taiwan next year or I mean this year, this summer I would hope. As most of you know we have no official diplomatic relations with the Republic of China as a country any more. So about the only contact that that country has with this country is on a state level with state officials and state government. Nebraska has been the single most active state in the United States in maintaining this contact and maintaining economic relations. One of the things discussed between us and the Secretary of State or the equivalent to the Secretary of State of Taiwan was the firming and solidifying of that relationship between Nebraska and Taiwan by declaring that in a resolution here as a sister state. That is what the resolution does and I would hope you would pass it. It is an expression that we want to maintain our relations with that country and continue to export our agricultural products there. It is my understanding that we are now firming up an agreement for the next five years that will more than double the agricultural exports of the previous five years with Taiwan.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in view of the fact that Mr. Haig is not yet officially the Secretary of State for the Reagan administration and the current Secretary of State is involved deeply in the negotiation to have the hostages released from Iran I can understand the Legislature attempting to step into the void and take over foreign relations for the country. I don't think that these resolutions have any significance. They have no real value. They inject the Legislature into situations which are not totally understood by all the people who will vote for these types of items and I think there are serious matters to be considered before these types of things are done but I know that there will not be a discussion so all I am speaking for this morning is to be on record again in opposition to this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I support LR 5. I think Senator DeCamp has done a marvelous job explaining the resolution. Presently Taiwan is buying about thirty million bushels of wheat from the United States and I don't know if you are aware but eight other states have declared Taiwan a sister state. So I think this is the proper way to maintain relationship with this great nation. When we were there we saw the prosperity these people are enjoying under their form of government and it is a free nation really going ahead and I think that we should admire this nation for the work they have done to give a better way of life to their people there. So if we can give President Reagan support to ... I'm sure that he will maintain relationship with Taiwan. I think the state should give him support, that he should go in this direction. I support LR 5.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I rise to support this resolution. My oldest brother, Dr. Arthur Peterson, who was director of the Extension Service in Pullman, Washington, spent three years in Taiwan. His family is now engaged in a furniture business where the furniture is all produced in Taiwan and I just really believe we have great opportunities for export and import from that country.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I think the point that impressed me most and the thing that was a vital

realization to me was not the political implications, because I don't think that we get involved in that on the state level but they have been darn good customers of the State of Nebraska and they did appreciate some people from the United States and from the State of Nebraska coming over there and if for no other reason, to say thank you for the business you have given us in the past and that is an important component. Whether we like it or not, we are in the export business. In fact, exporting food grains and fibers is one of the probably most important economic functions of this state, of this nation and it just makes good business sense, when you have a good customer to indicate to them your appreciation for their past business. It is interesting that Senator Peterson mentioned his brother from Pullman, Washington. The comment by one of the government officials of the Taiwanese government indicated that the Washington Apple Growers Association was over there a year early. The thrust of that mission was not to sell additional products in the future but the thrust of that mission was merely to say thank you for your past business and they truly, sincerely appreciated that gesture and they truly, sincerely appreciated the gesture of the Agriculture Committee from Nebraska being over this year for no other reason but to say we really appreciate what you have done for us in the past.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I have a question for Senator DeCamp if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, will you respond to Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I guess my question, Senator DeCamp, is whether this resolution will have any impact in your mind concerning the People's Republic of China and perhaps their attitude towards this state if our people to people sister state resolution that you just have presented to us would be adopted. Is there any impact with the People's Republic?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well I am going to speak a little later so I will address that particular question when I do. Okay?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Let me just express a concern. I think it is a little bit out of our water, so to speak, to get involved very much with foreign affairs and I think that it concerns me a great deal over the last two years we have had several resolutions concerning other matters dealing with

what I consider to be foreign rather than domestic relations and I have no qualms about the fact that we are involved with foreign relations and I think perhaps we have the trade that we talked about with Taiwan and other countries but nevertheless, I am concerned about setting foreign policy in the Nebraska Legislature. I'm not sure this is the appropriate body to make those sort of decisions but I will wait to hear Senator DeCamp's explanation on those points.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have several times made remarks on this floor about pooping money away with people going to foreign countries and the people in the State of Nebraska didn't poop any money away when a few of us went to Taiwan a few months ago. But having never been in the Orient before, I was very much impressed with the people, their kindness, their sincerity and actually their love for us in the United States and especially Nebraska which surprised me. I usually don't support wholeheartedly resolutions because as Senator Chambers suggested a while ago, many of these resolutions are meaningless. I don't think this is a meaningless one, however, because if our diplomatic relations continue as they are nationwide with the Republic of China, they may not have anybody with whom they can do business and the farmers in the State of Nebraska, I think, like to do business with foreigners who can pay cash for commodities that we produce. So, therefore, I wholeheartedly support this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, and Senator Landis, especially, I, too, was skeptical about some of the things we might get into by going to Taiwan but actually they will be here buying grain, generally from Nebraska. I think it is one of the greatest things that has happened to us, that we are able to deal more or less directly and those people deal with us because they are confident that we are going to deliver the kind of product that they want to buy from us. I don't know that anyone has mentioned, I haven't listened to all the speeches, but the balance of payments between the United States and Taiwan is much different than I thought it was. The balance of payments with Taiwan as I remember in round figures is about two and a half billion dollars in their favor. In other words, they are sending that much more product over here to us to buy than we are sending over there so I think it is very, very important that we deal with them. They are anxious to buy our grain, our products that we produce in Nebraska. Diplomatically I think it has probably no impact at all. It is

more of a friendship thing than anything else. So I strongly support the resolution. I think we will reap the benefits from it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to add my word of support for the resolution. I believe the Taiwan people have proven to be an extremely industrious, aggressive people. They have been strong defenders of freedom in that part of the world and certainly they have been good customers of ours and I would hope that the body would vote to support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LR 5? Senator DeCamp, you may close.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do want to say something and I think I am saying something important. The reason I think I am saying something important is I am going to tell you this is different than the routine resolution. I am going to make some predictions and statements here that Ernie and some others will think are a little wild but I will tell you that indeed we are involved in foreign policy in Nebraska and we are going to become more involved in the future and we had better start recognizing that it is a whole different world than it was five or ten or fifteen years ago and this state and any state that is an agricultural state around us are going to be the keys and centers of the universe in terms of future world politics, economics and all related things. The federal government is stumbling over itself. Grain and food have become weapons of war bigger than bombs now. Nebraska is one of the places that produces vast amounts of grain that are primarily for export and places such as, I will use the word, South Africa, Taiwan, a number of nations, are going to be contacting us directly and dealing with us directly in the future because they realize that grain and food are even more vital in the future than oil and gas and we are the ones right now, Nebraskans, Iowans, South Dakotans, Kansans, we are the ones that control this. Do you want to see just how significant it is for Nebraska? We raise in this state something called hard, red winter wheat which probably doesn't mean that much to most people. However, hard, red winter wheat, about 80% of our product is exported. That is what the foreign nations buy, that particular kind of wheat. So, yes, the resolution does meddle, if you want to use that word, in foreign policy. It does say how significant it is that we maintain economic and other relationships with foreign countries and particularly one that has been one of our biggest trading partners,

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Taiwan, and to answer Senator Wesely's question, is it going to make Red China unhappy? Are they going to call me or Senator Remmers naughty names for voting for it? I don't think so but they are going to be aware of the fact, they are going to be aware of the fact that this particular state which they have to rely on for agricultural products, too, isn't going to play the game of, we want to be your friend so we stab our old friend in the back. We will export grain to any of them and food, but not on terms of tit for tat, stab old friends for new friends. I urge you to support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the adoption of LR 5. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 3 nays on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The resolution is adopted. Anything to be read in before we go into introduction of bills?

CLERK: Well one thing, Mr. President, your committee on Urban Affairs would like to have an executive session for Monday, January 19, 1981, upon adjournment.

Mr. President, your committee on Ag and Environment whose chairman is Senator Schmit gives notice of public hearing in Room 1520 for Friday, January 30. (See page 199 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We are ready then for agenda item #5, introduction of new bills. Mr. Clerk, you may proceed with the reading of the new bills to be introduced today.

CLERK: Read title to LB 229-233 as found on pages 198-200 of the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, in conjunction with that bill we have a communication from the Governor advising the Legislature as to the intent of the bill and the supplemental appropriations required by various state programs. That will be inserted in the Legislative Journal. (See pages 203-204.)

Read title to LB 233-246 as found on pages 200-203 of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, your committee on Public Works gives notice of hearing for January 30 and February 6 and that is signed by Senator Kremer as chairman.

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SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

DR. PALMER: Prayer offered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Roll call. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We would appreciate it if you would get whatever bills you have in this morning. If this is absolutely impossible we are still going to meet for a while this afternoon to try to get as many bills as possible processed. Mr. Clerk, do you have other items under #3?

CLERK: Yes, sir, Mr. President. First of all I have a correction to the Journal. (Read. See page 269 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, your committee on Judiciary gives notice of public hearing in Room 1113 for January 27, 28 and 26. Your committee on Education gives notice of public hearing in Room 1517 for January 26 and 27 and your committee on Public Works gives notice of public hearing in Room 1517 for January 28, February 11, 12, 18, 19 and 20. That is signed by the respective chairmen.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have any other items?

CLERK: No, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we are ready for #4. Item #4, introduction of new bills. Under item #5, resolutions, LR 6.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, with respect to LR 6, Senator Chambers asks unanimous consent to have his name withdrawn as co-introducer of the resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Read LR 6. Mr. President, the resolution is found on page 255 of the Journal.

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SPEAKER MARVEL: Please record your presence. Record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Item number three, the Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all Legislative Resolution five is ready for your signature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I'm about to sign, and do sign, LR 5.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance whose chairman is Senator DeCamp, to whom was referred LB57 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File with amendments. (Signed) Senator DeCamp, Chairman.

Mr. President, the committee on Revenue gives notice of hearing for January 26, 27 and 28. Banking for February 3. Administrative Rules and Regulations for January 28. Miscellaneous Subjects for January 29 and 30 and February 5 and 6. Signed by the respective chairmen.

Mr. President, I have a reference report from the Reference Committee referring LB's 254 through 309 and re-referring 206.

I have a lobby registration report for January 16 through January 19th.

Mr. President, Senator Lamb would like the Executive Board to meet Monday at 9:00 a.m. in room 1520 for purposes of referencing bills.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read LR 6.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 6 was offered by the membership. It is found on page 255 of the Journal and it reads as follows. (Read LR 6).

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I move the adoption of LR 6. I think that it is high time that the