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LR 65
LB 11A, 35, 241, 248,
296A, 298, 328A, 394, 470,
478, 486.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Harold M. Onwiler, United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

PASTOR HAROLD M. ONWILDER: Prayer offered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Newell and Koch would like to be excused until they arrive. Senator Wiitala as well.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record your presence. Have you all recorded your presence? Okay, record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have some items in item #3?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, if I may, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports that we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 11A and recommend that same be placed on Select File; 296A, Select File; 328A, Select File; 394, Select File with amendments; 248, Select File and 470, Select File. All signed by Senator Kilgarin as Chair. (See pages 1599 and 1600 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 65, offered by Senator Wesely. (Commenced reading LR 65.) Oh, well then we will hold off on that, Mr. President.

Mr. President, LBs 241, 298, 478 and 486 are ready for your signature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am about to sign and do sign engrossed LB 241, 298, 478, 486. Do you have any other items under #3?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator.....I have nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are ready to go on Final Reading. Will all legislators please return to your seats. Will you please return to your seats so we can begin reading about three bills on Final Reading? Okay, the first bill on Final Reading is LB 35.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read the motion.

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SENATOR NICHOL: Record, please.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to readvance the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: The bill is advanced. Senator Labedz has 36 students in the north balcony who are students of CETA and are studying English as a secondary language, and 4 teachers. They are Steve Pearce, Thong Nugen, Lottie Ellison. Would you please raise your hands so you may be recognized? Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to read into the record?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, new resolution, LR 65, offered by Senators Wesley, Fowler, Warner, Beutler, Landis and Marsh. (Read LR 65 as found on pages 1604 and 1605 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 360. (See pages 1601 through 1604 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we are on Final Reading. All legislators are to be in their seats. The next bill is 132E.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler moves to return LB 132 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator, I have two from you. Do you want to offer the first one that you....?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pat, I wish to withdraw the first one and offer the second one.

CLERK: Request 2135 with those changes in it, Senator? Is that the long one that you brought up?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It should be two separate pages, Pat. The number I don't have.

CLERK: The big long one with the changes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

CLERK: Okay.

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During his term of Senator he was one of the people that worked trying to abolish the personal property tax way back then that we accomplished in the last few years. He also was active in his local community and had been Mayor of Red Cloud and I think it behooves this body to extend our sympathy for Kenneth Bowen and that we recognize the contribution that he made to the State of Nebraska. Therefore, I move the adoption of this resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I, too, would like to pay tribute to a former colleague. Some of us are still here that were serving at the time that Ken Bowen was with us as a State Senator. I had the greatest respect for Senator Bowen. He did a tremendous amount of work on Nebraska's tax programs when we attempted to broaden the tax base. At that time we were not taxing income or sales and he contributed much in the way of writing magazine articles. He had the full respect of this entire body and I am glad to have a part signing my name to the resolution at this time of his death. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of the resolution #62 vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on resolution #62 honoring Kenneth Bowen. Record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 62.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The resolution is adopted. Now we go to LR 65.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 65 (read). Mr. President, the resolution is found on page 1604 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this resolution was cointroduced by the six Lancaster County State Senators in an effort to try and indicate support amongst us and hopefully amongst the Legislature for locating the central regional office of the Veterans Administration in Lincoln, if that should come to pass. I want to emphasize a couple of points on that though. Number one, the resolution doesn't say anything about asking that they consolidate or recommending that they consolidate or anything along that line. That is completely left out of the resolution. All we are saying is that if the Veterans Administration is going to consolidate and is going to have a central regional office, we sure would like to have it in Lincoln, and I think as the

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resolution talks about the situation, it is clear that Lincoln would be a good place to locate this facility. The Brandeis building is now vacant and it has the facility that we need for the space that is required. Lincoln is a town that I think that we all can take pride in that could take care of the 3,000 employees that would be under this office and I think that we will see jobs result from that. We will see the revitalization of the downtown of Lincoln. I think we will see some growth in that area of Lincoln and I think that there is strong support in Lancaster County for this effort and we would encourage the Legislature to help us by supporting this resolution. The resolution did come to me from Governor Thone. I had written to him earlier asking what might be possible to help in his efforts and I think the Governor has done a good job in trying to work out this situation, and with his ties to the Reagan administration in Washington, I am sure that he is the best man possible for the job to try and encourage the location of the office here in Lincoln, and so to help him in his efforts, I did write to him and Don Stenberg did get a hold of me and said that a resolution such as this would be helpful and so in cooperation with him we drafted it and that is what is before you today. So the effort here is to try and help Governor Thone's efforts to encourage our Congressional Delegation and to send notice to Washington that if they are going to have a central regional office we would sure like it here in Lincoln.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? #65 as explained by Senator Wesely. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The resolution is adopted. The next item is under motion, #5, on motions, LB 318.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves to reconsider the body's action on the indefinite postponement of LB 318.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, week and a half or a week ago this body discussed the merits of LB 318. As you recall, it provided a formula, a weighted formula for vocational education in terms of returning money to schools based upon those programs that are approved. It provided also programs and some finance for gifted programs

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LB 35, 213, 257, 284,
384, 404

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

REVEREND ELIZABETH BEAMS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Roll call. While we are waiting for you to register your presence, the Chair would like to introduce from Senator Dworak's District 19 seventh and eighth grade students and ten adults from District 84, Platte County, Platte Center, Nebraska, Mrs. Esther Mohnsen, teacher. They are up here in the North balcony. Would you welcome the seventh and eighth graders from Platte Center. Welcome to your Legislature. Would all of you who are here register your presence so we can start the day, please? Record the presence, 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: All right, the Journal will stand as published. Any messages, reports or announcements.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 404 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with amendments; LB 213 Select file with amendments. (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair.

Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 35 and find the same correctly engrossed; 257 correctly engrossed; 284 correctly reengrossed; 384 correctly engrossed. (Signed) Senator Kilgarin, Chair.

Mr. President, I have leases supplied to us from the Department of Administrative Services, State Building Division, pursuant to statutory provision. They will be on file in my office.

And finally, Mr. President, LR 62 and 65 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 62 and LR 65. We are ready then for agenda item #4 on gubernatorial appointments, ready for the first committee, Miscellaneous Subjects, and as I understand, Senator Barrett, you