

PRESIDENT: Are there motions to introduction of bills?

CLERK: I ask unanimous consent to use the legislative council hearing room for an executive session, Wednesday, February 23 at 1 p.m. (Signed) Senator Moylan, Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan, do you want to elaborate on your request?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. Chairman, this is an executive meeting to go over claims which have been given to our committee so it's just a request to use the legislative council room in case we don't get through at 2:00 you have a call of the house, we could get in here on short notice.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections? Very good. Hearing none, so ordered.

Clerk read request for absense.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morgan. Are there objections to Senator Morgan's absense after 11:15 this morning? Hearing none, so ordered.

Clerk read request to print amendment in the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to printing it in the Journal? Hearing none, it is so ordered.

Clerk read motion to introduce bill.

Clerk read title.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I would like to amend the motion to read that I move that the rules be suspended and the bill be introduced and placed on General File without a public hearing. Mr. President, LB 710 we passed this session. I didn't think there was anything seriously wrong with it except I doubted it might be constitutional at that time, which was brought out on the floor debate. I since got an opinion from the Attorney General. He indicates that he probably feels it would be unconstitutional. I worked on this bill all last session to try to come up with something. We had a difficult time with it and I would like to get it repealed this session because I'm sure this will result in immediate litigation between the newspapers and the state of Nebraska, but they have agreed, the newspapers have agreed and other people have agreed to help us study this problem throughout this summer and this fall and see if we can't come up with a revision to our fair campaign practices act so that maybe we can do something to help the reterick that goes on in

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legislative campaigns as well as in other campaigns. I would hope we would introduce this ... the reason I would ask that there not be a public hearing. I don't think it is necessary, when as originally had its public hearing, LB 710, I was the only one who appeared for or against the bill and I don't think there was a lot of public interest in this bill, so I would like to have it placed directly on General File.