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SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman there is two little editorial corrections to be made, this was typed for me and placed up there this morning and second whereas it should be public law 874 and 815 and the Commanding General of SAC rather than Commanding General of Offutt Air Force Base. This was done for me down stairs and those two mistakes were there, but they were already distributed when I got here this morning, so I thought I'd make the changes here if that's possible.

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis do I understand you asking unanimous consent to amend the -

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Are there objections to those amendments? Hearing none, so ordered. Go ahead Senator.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I'll try to be brief because many of you understand the problems that the Bellevue Public Schools and the Papillion Public Schools have faced in regard to Federal funding. Certainly this resolution that we have is not directed as criticism of the President of the United States, in what he has suggested as far as impact aid is concerned. The President on a number of occasions has said let's put the money in impact aid programs where it belongs, on a number of visits to Washington, the Bellevue School District has agreed. Last year the President called for priority of funding for severely impacted school districts. We think that there is a couple of things that you should know, number one, is a fact that the reliance of the Bellvev School district on Federal funds is so great, that the decreases as proposed currently will be equivalent to twenty two mills, and of course if we didn't have Federal funds at all and we had to operate the school simply on local property tax, and state assistance the total mill levy in the community would exceed two hundred and thirty mills. I think the resolution is necessary to point out again to the Federal Government that in 1951, when they started placing onn-base installations here they made a commitment to those communities where they put those massive facilities that the Federal Government would provide, or help provide for the education of those children and this is the essence of this resolution. Simply reinstating that, it calls on the Federal Government to accept the obligation it pledged in my community and hundreds of other communities like it in 1951. We can't operate without the money, we need all the help we can get, I ask this legislature to join with me in urging the Federal Government to accept their responsibility for the continuing education of the children located on those facilities. Mr. President if there are questions I'd answer if not I move the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to whole heartedly support Senator Lewis in this resolution, I speak neither as a hawk nor a dove, but I think we do have a large facility in the Offutt Air Force Base and I think it's encumbent upon us

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