

set up, and that there could be expenses involved of which nobody on the floor of the Legislature seems to know. If that doesn't bother anybody on the floor, then that is fine. Personally, I think I'm being asked to buy a pig in a poke. I can't support the resolution, even though it may have some honorable intentions, because I have absolutely no idea knowing in all honesty that Senator Koch really doesn't know what the cost is going to be. It very likely may be minimal, but it would seem to me that in establishing a board that is going to have certain guidelines and procedures, and is very likely going to spend some money I, for one in order to do what I consider a responsible job, would like to have a little bit better handle and grasp on what the monetary outlay is going to be. I just merely point this out to the members on the floor so they understand that this isn't one of these honey-coated, cookie crumbed resolutions which has no impact, because it does. We are talking about setting up a new board, which is fine if that is what you want to do. We are talking about the capital outlay of cash, which is fine if that is what you want to do. I merely pointed out to the members of this body just exactly what the resolution involves.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Kahle, then Senator Lamb, then Senator Rumery, then Senator Chambers. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body. I wholeheartedly support the resolution to get on with the problems that we have in changing over to the metric system. I think that some of us have thought, in the United States for instance where we used a standard measure, that we should make the rest of the world buckle down and that they should come to our way of thinking rather than we to theirs. I think that everything now is pointing towards the metric system. Our manufacturers are moving very fast to change all of their nuts, bolts, and everything else that goes into their manufacture, to the metric system. We're going to be measuring our grain and our land and everything else. I think Nebraska needs to get with the program. I'm not sure what the cost is going to be. I think it will be very minimal compared to what industry has spent in changing over. We've asked the liquor industry, for instance, to use the metric system in their business. I think we ought to support whatever we can to implement the metric system in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I share Senator Simon's concern in that the resolution calls for the formation of a board. We have very little information about the duties and the expenses of the board. I think I read the other day that it's going to cost \$100 million to change the highway signs in the country. We should look at this board more closely before we pass this resolution. I have serious doubts about it.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think we're talking about spending some money here. I think Senator Savage would agree that no money can be spent until a bill is prepared that allows this. We inherited a number of fine things from the country of England when this country was established, but the system of weights and measurements was not one of them. We have been out of step with the