

PRESIDENT: We will hold that over. Let's go to LR 121, then.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LR 121 is introduced by Senator Burrows. It was signed by 24 other Senators.

PRESIDENT: No, don't read it.

ASSISTANT CLERK: It is found on page 2196 of the Legislative Journal, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right. You have heard the question. Are you ready to vote? Clear the Board. Record. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of LR 121.

PRESIDENT: LR 121 passes. LR 122. Senator Warner, could you address yourself to this, if you choose.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the resolution. This resolution was signed by the members of the Appropriations Committee and what it indicates is that the Executive Board would appoint a committee composed of three individuals, also that the Governor would appoint a number of individuals as he saw fit and this is to make it possible to determine whether or not the state would have any interest in the three-quarters of a block that is just to the east of the Capitol building. This land is in the same block in which the Department of Labor is located and the Midwest Life of Nebraska owns the other three-quarters block. They have indicated that they within the next some period of time, perhaps within the next three years, they will want to be moving to different quarters or at least they are considering it. The purpose of the resolution is to make a study to give a recommendation back to this body next January as to whether or not the state should acquire those lots as are designated in the resolution. There is no commitment on the state's part to purchase. There is no commitment on the part of Midwest Life of Nebraska to sell. The only commitment which they have made is that they were willing to defer the decision to sell their property to someone other than the state until January in the event the state is interested, and if the state is not interested, fine and dandy, no problem. I would hope the body would adopt the resolution because obviously space that is immediately adjacent to the Capitol building may not come up very often. If it is purchased by some other firm, no doubt, it would never become available except under the possibility of eminent domain. So the adoption of the resolution in no way places an obligation on the state or upon the insurance company but merely is an indication that this Legislature and the Governor, if you read his veto message in one of the areas, he would indicate concurrence with this concept. In fact, I have visited with his staff about the resolution prior to the time it was introduced so that we could make a determination should the state have any interest in this and report the next session. I would urge the body to adopt the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you all voted? Hurry, Senator Nichol. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.