

PRESIDENT: Have you all recorded your presence? Have you all recorded your presence? Record. Read the communication.

CLERK: Read communication from Governor regarding LB 4 found on page 2283 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Do you have a motion on your desk? What do you have on your desk? Let's take up LR 102. Mr. Clerk. We passed over LR 102 this morning because there were motions.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 102 is on page 2008 of the Legislative Journal. There are a series of motions to change it. (Read Chambers first amendment found on page 2284 of the Journal).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'm trying to get at what I think is the intent of this worthless resolution. It is indicating that it wants to trade with the Republic of China which, in the opinion of some people, is not really the true China. But for the sake of the record the mainland of China and Taiwan refer to themselves as the Republic of China. The mainland refers to itself as the People's Republic of China. So in order that we know what we're dealing with, Senator DeCamp and others are interested in maintaining trade with China. I don't know why the resolution was brought in, but since it was I think it ought to be a clear and concise statement of what the legislative intent would be. All this other stuff, the whereas's, don't amount to anything. I don't believe they're factually correct. I don't believe that the introducers of the resolution can explain and justify what they have here. So all of the superfluous language found in the first, second, all the whereas's I want to strike and insert this language-- "The Republic of China is a desirable trade partner of America". That is what Senator DeCamp and his cohorts want. So that is my offering of an amendment. I ask that you adopt it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to speak in favor of the Chambers proposal. I think that the resolution that Senator DeCamp had circulated, I read it twice. They came around and offered me an opportunity to co-sponsor it at least three times. I don't think it does what Senator DeCamp...maybe it does what Senator DeCamp wants it to, but I don't think it would do what the Legislature and Nebraska would want it to. I think the question is trade. I think we ought to trade with whoever we can trade with. We've got a lot of agricultural farm products that we have to sell and that we ought not try to limit to exactly who we sell to. I think the problem here, with national China, is that we ought to realize, and most of us ought to realize, that this is a foreign policy matter, this is one which the President of the United States and those leaders of Red China and Nationalist China have to work out the problems of just exactly how we're going to conduct our foreign policy. The question of whether we ought to recognize Nationalist China and never recognize Red China and that sort of stuff complicates the issue considerably. I don't think it's a place where the Nebraska Legislature ought to or can make a very appropriate decision. I think the DeCamp resolution is going about this all wrong. I don't think we ought to pass it. I think the trade ought to be just exactly that. The foreign policy ought to be made by the President of the United States. Whatever is necessary to work out greater relations with either Red China or Nationalist China, I think, that ought to be in that purview. We do not know the answers.