

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 169 was a resolution introduced by Senator Jack Mills and Senator William Nichol. (Read LR 169.) Mr. President, that resolution may be found on page 953 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, in the State of Nebraska on state property, to have a non-denominational chapel or a gift there must be a resolution that approves such a thing as a chapel. This is not unordinary. In many areas of the State of Nebraska, for example, at the Girls' School at Geneva or a number of different institutions there are found nondenominational chapels paid for, not by the State of Nebraska, but given to that particular institution and placed there. This particular resolution is being asked to be adopted by the Nebraska Veterans' Home at Scottsbluff. It came to my attention through a pastor in Wauneta, Nebraska, a constituent of mine who has been very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They have the money. They have the means to put this chapel at the Scottsbluff, Nebraska home and I would ask you to adopt this resolution. There is some safeguard in it for those of you who might have some concern. It has to be approved by the Director of Public Institutions and since it is in Senator Nichol's legislative district I asked him if he had interests of which he does and would ask you to adopt resolution 169 which would allow the nondenominational chapel to be placed on state property.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I also recommend that you vote for LR 169. They have an offer, as I understand it, to move an old church in near the V.A. Hospital or Center, whatever you call it, and they intend to fix it up with their own money and the V.A. has endorsed it and will continue its maintenance without help of state money. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A question of Senator Mills, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Mills, will you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mills, the resolution does say chapel and meeting hall, so does this mean that nonreligious groups could meet there also?

SENATOR MILLS: Well, I would assume so, Senator Chambers. It is certainly not to be denominational nor parochial in that idea.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just wanted that for the record.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, you will pass. The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of this resolution. It is too bad that all of us cannot visit that facility out in western Nebraska for the veterans. I had the opportunity this summer and I was most pleased to visit that operation and to see what is going