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a new resolution, 196, offered by Senator...

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: While the Legislature is in session and capable of doing business, I propose to sign and I do sign LB 574 A. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: We will then proceed with agenda item eight, resolutions, for fifteen minutes only, beginning with LR 186, Senator DeCamp, if you want to read the resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 186 was introduced by Senator DeCamp, Brennan, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, Kelly, Moylan and Cullan. (Read LR 186.) Mr. President, that may be found on page 1297 of the Journal.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm sure you've all heard of O'Neill, Nebraska, and I'm sure over the period of the last hundred years or whatever period you've been participating, you people have gone at one time or another up to the O'Neill celebrations. You may be aware of some of the things they have up there, the largest shamrock in the world I think it is, green horses in Duffy's Tavern, etc., etc. I think that it's proper since we do give such great attention to St. Patrick's Day that maybe we have one city in the state kind of designated as an Irish capital and I think O'Neill may be the proper one because if you go back, the Historical Society has erected a monument outside the courthouse telling the history of Captain John O'Neill and O'Neill is frequently regularly referred to in one document after another as the Irish capital. I realize, I full well realize that there are other cities in the state and villages and towns that have an interest in also being designated as the Irish capital. My good friend, Senator Hasebroock, who sits behind me has questioned whether maybe Wisner wouldn't be the right town and I've thought about this and I thought O'Neill is the right town. Senator Rasmussen, my good friend from a little further away says, well, what about Greeley? Now Greeley used to be in my district once upon a time and I really thought it might be the proper place at that time but after consideration, after redistricting, I'm convinced now O'Neill is the proper place. Senator Murphy, my good friend, mentioned that, well, there's a little town called Jackson, Nebraska. Jackson of course is just west of South Sioux City and Senator Murphy mentioned that Jackson was really an Irish community run by an Irish tavern owner there and that was the proper place. South Omaha, Lieutenant Governor Whelan, potentially Governor Whelan, mentioned that South Omaha. Well, I've talked to the South Omaha people and lo and behold, they have agreed with me. They are sponsors of this resolution that indeed, we need one focal point that represents the whole Irish package and O'Neill is the proper place, the proper name, the proper founder, the proper celebration, every St. Patrick's Day, so I urge you to go along with the resolution and endorse O'Neill as the Irish capital.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rasmussen moves to amend, strike O'Neill and add Greeley where used throughout the resolution.