

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, did you wish to be heard.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Chairman, first of all, we couldn't hear Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I move that the resolution be taken up today and then I would discuss the resolution, a suspension of the rules.

PRESIDENT: The question then is the suspension of the rules. Do you wish to discuss that? The question is, shall the rules be suspended so that this resolution can be taken up today? Record your vote. Please vote. It takes 30 votes. One more. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the rules suspension, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended. Now, Senator, we will take up the resolution. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will keep this brief but the brevity does in no way diminish the importance of the resolution. I know that all of you have had a busy morning and you do not need a lot of additional rhetoric at this time. I just want to say that all of us in Nebraska, rural and urban, professional and laboring man, all of us recognize the importance of agriculture to Nebraska. March 20th is designated as Ag Day and I would hope that this Legislature will, by their approval of this resolution, indicate their recognition of the importance of agriculture to every living Nebraskan and also to the entire nation and to the world. I ask your adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I certainly echo what Senator Schmit has just said and I guess what makes us so aware of the problems of agriculture is again being brought to us by the floods that we are having and the various things that happen in agriculture. I guess that is what makes us different than the other parts of the economy. We have all kinds of things happen and yet we seem to survive. So I think this is a fine tribute to the State of Nebraska and to the farmers and to the people that are working with this difficult situation from day to day. It is never easy but it is still so interesting that none of us want to quit. So I hope that you will support this resolution with all the votes that we have in this body and I certainly think it is fine that the State of Nebraska will pause for a little time in one day to honor its farmers and its livestock people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, only to say I support the resolution. I ask unanimous consent to add my name to the introducers of the resolution, if you will.