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PRESIDENT: Motion carried. LB 498 is indefinitely postponed. The next matter on General File is LR 30. Mr. Clerk, do you want to read?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, LR 30 was introduced by Senators Haberman, Carsten, Cope, Cullan, DeCamp, Duis, Clark, Dworak, George, Goodrich, Hasebroock, Kennedy, Koch, Hefner, Kremer, Labedz, Lamb, Lewis, Maresh, Marvel, Murphy, Nichol, Pirsch, Reutzel, Rumery, Schmit, Sieck, Stoney, Venditte, Wagner and Wesely. (Read LR 30.) Mr. President, that matter was referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. The hearing was held on October 12. The Government Committee has referred the bill back to General File.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Senator Keyes and the Government, Military Affairs Committee for the courtesy shown me during the public hearing. This issue was discussed at great length during the last session. I am sure we are all aware of what the issue is so I will not take too much time. The issue is treating the District of Columbia, a city, the same thing as a state and giving it state's rights and I do not understand how we can do this. The question might be raised, why did the Congress and the Senate pass this resolution. Possibly they thought that this should be a local issue, that the states should decide whether they wanted to include the D.C. people in a state like we decide on water issues in a water control area. Possibly that was their thinking. Let's let the states decide. Let the local government decide. Our forefathers intended the District of Columbia, the seat of our government, to be nonpolitical and it should remain that way. It should remain nonpolitical and this resolution tells the people in Congress that the Legislature and the people of Nebraska do not wish the District of Columbia to be given state's rights. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson, is he in the room? All right, we will proceed then with Senator Beutler. All right, we will go on to Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we are talking about a problem, a problem with 750,000 Americans are still waging a battle for representative government. For them, the residents of the District of Columbia, taxation without representation never ended. After more than 175 years as a political entity, the District's only participation in Congress is the election of one nonvoting member to the House