

April 18, 1980

LR 344, 346

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the adoption of LR 344 vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The resolution is adopted. Now we go to suspension of the rules on two resolutions. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 346 by Senator Pirsch. Read. (See page 2019, Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that would lay over. Senator Pirsch moves to suspend Rule 4, Section 6 so as to allow for consideration of LR 346 today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the suspension of the rules vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the suspension, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Pirsch, would you like to explain your resolution?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and colleagues, and I also thank you for suspending the rules. There was a little mixup in what the week was going to be called. It was originally "Forgotten Victims" and we have decided "Victims Rights Week" would be a better choice for the week and this will be a national event held across the country. I ask for your support for this resolution to establish a Victims Rights Week in Nebraska during the week of April 20th. This resolution speaks for itself. I know that in this body there are many of you who have helped Senator Schmit initiate the Victims of Crime Reparation Board but that is only one aspect of the needs of an innocent victim. Victims needs include not only financial aide but emotional, physical and legal assistance as well. By encouraging public awareness together with the community existing agencies, such as, the national organization of victims assistance and the criminal justice system together we can cause some changes to, number one, reduce victimization by education and, number two, provide a sensitive, sympathetic assistance network. I encourage you to join me in supporting this resolution and establishing the week of April 20th as Victims Rights Week.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we have one more resolution which