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LR 103, 105

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think it is an interesting fact if we have people who have been on the University of Nebraska staff that had a significant contribution with regards to the development of the first polio vaccine. Dr. Myron K. Brakke, who is a member of the National Science Foundation, who was recently retired from the university, developed what was known as the density gradient system for the separation of viruses. This was highly important, a key factor in being able to separate out and subsequently develop the polio vaccine. Dr. Morehead-Ball, who was on our staff for many years, came from Salk Laboratory. Most people here in Nebraska do not realize the contribution that was made towards getting that vaccine from our own staff of the University of Nebraska.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Weihing. Any other discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of LR 103 please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 103 is adopted. LR 105.

CLERK: Mr. President, 105 is found on page 1960, offered by Senator Nelson, asks the Legislature to recognize and applaud the efforts of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The member from Grand Island, Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I bring this resolution to you and was asked to bring it to you from the Volunteer Firemen's Association. This is the 50th year for the rural volunteer firemen training session, annually held, or it is held right now in Grand Island, Nebraska. This is comprised of local volunteer men and women, business, farmers and so on that volunteer their services in the smaller communities. I think most of us appreciate what they are doing and the time that they donate and the risks that they take strictly in a volunteer effort. Many small communities do not have rural fire departments as paid departments, and it is these volunteers that support this service. It is the training that they get, very intensive training, that allows them to continue to volunteer.