

please have it quiet so we can hear the speaker. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I realize that you are chatting this moment...this morning, would like your support in suspending the rules which would take 30, and then also your support for the resolution which was passed out to you and should be on your desks which commends teachers and particularly the six who were specially recognized on Teacher Recognition Day, which is today. And I thought it would be well to do it today since this is the special day in the year that teachers are recognized.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the suspension of the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. This requires 30 votes please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And I would hate to have a call of the house just for this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, we will give you a chance. We realize they are just coming in. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the motion to suspend rules and permit consideration of LR 299.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, this resolution is to show that teaching is a profession that has great significance to the community, to business, and to the homes of Nebraska. Teacher Recognition Day was launched in Nebraska in 1982 by Nancy Kratky who happened to be a former neighbor and constituent of mine, and she says, "It suddenly dawned on me that no one had ever done this before, or at least not locally. We often recognize special people, and who is more special in the life of the child than the teacher. And sometimes a thank you is appreciated and helpful. It is just enough to send a teacher right back to an even better job in our schools." I invite you to take a few moments and think of the teachers who were influential in your lives, and, indeed, helped mold them. This day is now sponsored by the American Association of University Women, the Nebraska Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Nebraska Association of School Boards, and the Omaha World-Herald. Public and private schools in Nebraska will celebrate the day with special events to pay