

annual conference and this conference this year is the backdrop for the conference of law and the Great Plains. The degree to which the Great Plains has provided a setting for the expansion or definition of the Bill of Rights will be addressed at this conference. Participants includes scholars in humanities, social sciences and law as well as members of the legal profession. The Center for the Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is an interdisciplinary intercollegiate program administered in the College of Arts and Sciences. Its mission is to explore the relationship of the people of the Great Plains to their region. I was privileged to take some of the courses and I can tell you, from personal experience, it gives you a real knowledge and feeling and appreciation of the area that we live in and why we are here, our culture. It has to do with the environment. The courses are in the arts, environment, ecology and history, among others. So I am...as I say, I am privileged to introduce this resolution and I hope all of you will vote for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Does anyone wish to discuss this resolution? Seeing no one, Senator Crosby, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CROSBY: I would like to say just one more quick thing. Later this morning we will have some visitors of members and I know the Speaker will introduce them when they're here. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: I will do that. We will now proceed to vote on LR 40. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 40.

SPEAKER BAACK: LR 40 is adopted. Before we proceed to Final Reading, I would like to announce some guests this morning. Under the north balcony, we have David Holbrook (phonetic) who is a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Mississippi, and with him is Dwayne Pardee (phonetic) from Washington, D.C. Would you gentlemen please be welcomed by your Legislature. Thanks for being with us. We will now proceed to Final Reading. I should remind all members that you are to be in your seats before we can begin Final Reading. All unauthorized personnel are to leave the floor because we are going to go to Final Reading now. Please take your seats so we