

specific community as being the capital for purple martins unless accompanying with it that you are going to ask the City of Omaha to no longer spray for mosquitoes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Madam President, excuse me, Senator Haberman would move to amend by striking martin and inserting sandhill crane.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Members of the body, beings as Omaha is so hungry to be the capital of something, they're not the capital of Nebraska, I'm perfectly willing, and I hope I have Senator Nelson's blessing, to make them the capital of the sandhill cranes. We know there are many, many cranes. They have crane cruises, they have crane buses, they have crane watches, but nobody knows anything about the purple martin. So on behalf of my friend, Senator Horgan, I hereby amend the amendment or amend the resolution to say you are the capital of the sandhill cranes instead of the purple martins.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Haberman, I thank you for that very good suggestion. I can remember a couple of years ago I had a little bill going down through the line here that sandhill cranes shall be Nebraska's official bird. I took a little heat off of that. I'm glad that that's already passed, but it did give us a lot of publicity and we do have busloads, literally dozens or hundreds, great economic development. Thank you, Senator Herban, Haberman, it's getting too late in the afternoon. Thanks a lot. But I support your proposal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Given the trying times that we've had during this session of the Legislature and the many reports in the paper of a perceived rural/urban split, I would like to inform the body that as a member of the rural contingent, if that's an identification badge I wear with some amount of honor, that I am perfectly willing to give the City of Omaha the bird.