

much trouble, I would appreciate the suspension of the rule so that this resolution could be read today. I thought it appropriate beings today is presidential inauguration day and we do have the band from my home school district participating in that parade, it would be appropriate that the resolution pass today. I apologize to the body in the pressure of getting legislation drafted and other sorts of things we should have had this introduced yesterday but did not. The purpose of the suspension is to allow this resolution honoring the Papillion-LaVista High School Band for marching in the inaugural parade to be passed by this Legislature on presidential inauguration day. I would respond to any questions. If there are none, I would appreciate a supportive vote on the rule suspension motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion of the motion by Senator Withem to suspend the rules? Seeing none, we will now vote on the motion to suspend the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. This does require 30 votes. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the motion to suspend the rules to permit consideration of LR 17.

SPEAKER BAACK: The rules have been suspended and we will now take up LR 17. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, thank the members for the courtesy of the suspension of the rules. The Papillion-LaVista High School band is one of 35 bands in the United States that has been asked to participate in the presidential inauguration. At this particular point, they are lined up on the streets in Washington, D.C. prepared to carry the banner of Nebraska in the inaugural parade. It is quite an honor. As I indicated, there are only 35 bands in the entire United States. This particular band, ever since my association with the Papillion-LaVista High School in the early 1970s has really set a standard of excellence. In many ways, it is the epitome of the "Funky Winkerbean" band because these kids are out raising money, marching through the streets of Papillion at 7:00 a.m., marching down my street, waking me up in the morning in the summer months getting ready for activities. They really are an outstanding group. They do quite well in all music contests and I would certainly appreciate your supporting this resolution.