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and I hope we will not forget his example. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. There are no further lights on, so we will proceed to a vote on the adoption of LR 324, 326, 327, 328 and 329. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 324, LR 326, LR 327, LR 328 and LR 329.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Those resolutions mentioned by the Clerk are adopted. The matter before the body for debate now is LR 325. Senator Robinson, your light is on. Senator Hall.

**SENATOR HALL:** A point of order, if LR 325 is the issue before us, would it be, even though there was an opening at the time, since it now has been culled from the herd, is it possible to open again on the issue?

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** I would say you would now be recognized for ten minutes, but your light was the one that was on, and I think this would be an appropriate opening for you.

**SENATOR HALL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I rise in support as one of the introducers of LR 325. If you read the resolution, what you see is that the resolution recognizes what this Legislature has done in the past with regard to recognition of Martin Luther King Day in Nebraska. We passed legislation, in 1979, recognizing January 15 of each year as Martin Luther King Day, it states and then spells out, through subsections 1 through 3, just what the statute reads. Follow it down and it says that since Congress passed legislation in 1983 allowing for the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday as a national holiday, the Legislature further recognized those contributions and passed legislation in 1986 allowing for the observance for the birthday of Martin Luther King as a legal state holiday. Again, it goes on and it says it is fitting to continue to pursue and promote the state's commitment to honoring Dr. King's philosophy and to teaching school children about his way of life. What the bill or what the resolution asks for is that the Legislature encourages all school boards to join with other local, state, and federal government entities in the observance