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now expanding it to the degree that the resolution (inaudible) is, in fact, a fitting tribute to a person who at all ages was, in fact, a great Nebraskan and a person who we would have all been proud to call a friend. So I do support LR 31. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the resolution. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close, waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of LR 31. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 31.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LR 31 is approved. LR 27.

CLERK: LR 27 by Senator Chris Peterson asks Congress to authorize...to appropriate funds necessary to complete the Wood River Flood Control Project. Like the past resolution, Mr. President, was introduced, referred to Natural Resources. The resolution was advanced back to the Legislature for its consideration. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LR 27 proposes to the Congress of the United States that it reauthorize the appropriation of necessary funds to complete the Wood River Flood Control Project; \$11,800,000 was authorized for the Wood River Project through the 1996 Water Resources Development Act of which six million forty dollars would have come from federal funds. In 1998, the Omaha District of the Army Corps of Engineers revised its estimates for the project to \$17,353,000 including \$9,969,000 to be contributed by the federal government. Since the cost increase is greater than 20 percent, congressional legislation to reauthorize the project is required. The increase in cost came about for two reasons. The first was due to modifications of the design to reflect the changes from the floods that we had the previous year of that reauthorization, and so the widening of levees was required to increase the resistance. The second cost required was because