

million dollars. Three hundred million dollars directly to the city government of the District of Columbia. Total federal payments to the average District resident are \$1,010 per year...four times that paid the average American citizen. How can you say that you are paying taxes when you get back more than you paid in? I was taught that this was called "profit". To say that the District, that city is not represented in the National Government is pure fiction. The city is the National Government. Its residents constitute it and live off of it. The city is a business. A business of government and like any other business that seeks to grow and grow. The projected budget of one department, the Health, Education and Welfare is 181.3 billion dollars. A strategy to check that growth is urgently needed and the worst course of action is to grant representation to the faction promoting further growth. That states are unequal in their respective numbers is recognized in the House of Representatives where they are unequally represented. That they are equal in their stateness is recognized in the Senate, where they are equally represented. The Constitution recognizes the equality of the states as states by providing that no state without its consent shall be deprived of its equal suffrage and the Senate guarantees that stateness forever. Although states are unequal in wealth, industry, husbandry, virtues and vices and most significantly in size of population, they are equal with respect to their stateness, a quality not possessed by the District of Columbia. I ask that you support LR 30 and reject the DC amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh and then Senator Lewis and then Senator Simon. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. When this resolution was introduced it was my understanding and that of a good many other persons in the body that this resolution since it had to do with the Constitutional amendment would go to a public hearing so that the people of the State of Nebraska had an opportunity to express their interest and concern. I still feel that this should go to a public hearing, that it is late in this legislative session. There is no need to take action this year. This action, however you chose to take it, can be taken in the next legislative session. We have not nor do we have time for adequate discussion on this particular issue. I am not discussing the merits of or the arguments against LR 30. I am pointing out that this is a Constitutional amendment which is offered to the states and on that basis I feel strongly that it should be sent to a public hearing. It should be properly advertised with time given, adequate time for the individuals and the various organizations which have an interest and a concern