

Norris since Senator Norris was from my legislative area. Unfortunately I am not old enough to have remembered Senator Norris but I think everybody in the nation will remember and reap the benefits of Senator Norris' long public service career. Senator Norris served in the Congress of the United States for four years as a Representative of the State of Nebraska and as so often happens with statesmen, and I considered Senator Norris as a real statesman, the benefits of their service sometimes is not available to the public at the time of their service as much as it is in later years as history unfolds. Senator Norris was the leading or led the fight to establish the TVA, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and I might add also led the fight to get the funding for the Tri-County system, Lake McConaughy and the benefits that Nebraska has derived from that is untold. He was able to see back in the late '20s the need for conservation of natural resources and the need for the use of those resources to generate power because of the tremendous amount of energy needed in the United States. He, of course, led the fight for rural electrification and I think a lesson for those of us in this body can be learned by his dedication and his ability to persevere under extreme conditions in that fight. He introduced legislation, I believe it was for thirteen years, before finally getting it passed that created the Rural Electrification Administration. Those of us from Nebraska and particularly those of us from rural Nebraska owe Senator Norris a great debt of gratitude for bringing electricity to our farms and as I indicated earlier I am not old enough to remember Senator Norris but I am old enough to remember when electricity came to our place and we were able to blow out those kerosene lamps for the last time. I think it is important that this body, this Unicameral body, created itself in large part by Senator Norris. He led the fight back in 1934 through a referendum of the people to get the State of Nebraska to embark on what was called then, the Great Experiment, what many people ridiculed that wouldn't last. I personally think that we are all in here as living examples that Senator Norris was right and that it was the right thing to do. Again, I would just simply urge this body to adopt LB 18 so that the people of the State of Nebraska, particularly the young people of the State of Nebraska will realize there was a great Nebraskan that they can look up to and pattern their lives after.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, I think it is very good of Senator Vickers to bring this bill before us and he also, I do want to thank him for allowing me to co-sponsor the bill with him. I am a native of McCook, Nebraska, where Senator Norris is from. I grew up there and not too far from