

state. I think it is high time that we in his native state do try to recognize him in a positive way and I want to thank Senator Vickers for bringing this to us.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, am very pleased that Senator Vickers and Senator Wagner would bring to us this bill and recognize Senator George W. Norris. One of the things that is important to me about the recognition of this man is that it reflects again that from this rock ribbed part of our nation can come a politician, a statesman who is a known liberal because George Norris certainly was that. When you stop to realize that this man was only one of six in the United States Congress that voted against our entry into the first world war, you have to appreciate what a maverick he surely must have been but the important thing about Senator Norris was that Senator Norris stood for the people just as William Jennings Bryan, the great commoner from Nebraska, stood for the people. For year in and year out we come to believe that our prevailing ethic in this state is a very conservative ethic and yet when we recognize we are the only state in the Union with all public power, when we recognize that we have public irrigation districts, when we recognize that we have sent to Congress, men who fought hard for the rights of the people, we have to realize that out of our own state, out of our own heritage, out of our own background comes a genuine belief in the uses of the government to meet the needs of all in society and in this day following an address by our President, that we would have to continue to cut back and erode the rights of the poor and the needy and the desperate, I think it is only fitting that we honor that fighting liberal, George W. Norris.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you want to advance the bill?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to make a comment though on closing that Senator Nichol mentioned. It is not my intention to create a state holiday. This is just simply my intention to create a day that we can honor Senator Norris by flying the flags and appropriate exercises in schools and so forth, but I would urge the body's advancement of LB 18.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.